

## [ Act No. 2557., February 01, 1916 ]

### **AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOWANCE TO PERSONS SENTENCED IN ANY CRIMINAL CAUSE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF CRIMES, OF ONE-HALF OF THE PREVENTIVE IMPRISONMENT UNDERGONE BY THEM, REPEALING SECTION NINETY-THREE OF THE "PROVISIONAL LAW FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PENAL CODE TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:*

**SECTION 1.** Offenders at present serving sentence and those hereafter sentenced in any criminal cause shall be credited, in the service of their sentences, with one-half of the time during which they have undergone preventive imprisonment.

SEC. 2. The benefits of this Act shall not apply to:

- (a) Criminals convicted more than once of the same crime or more than twice of any crime.
- (b) Absent offenders who, upon being summoned in legal form, have failed to surrender themselves voluntarily.
- (c) Persons convicted of *robo*, *hurto*, and *estafa*.

SEC. 3. The wardens of any prisons in the Philippine Islands shall take the foregoing provisions into consideration, in computing the time when the prisoners should be released.

SEC. 4. Section ninety-three of the "Provisional Law for the application of the provisions of the Penal Code to the Philippine Islands," and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, February 1, 1916.



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