



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Office of the Court Administrator  
Manila

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 101-2013**

**TO : ALL EXECUTIVE/PRESIDING JUDGES OF THE FIRST LEVEL COURTS**

**SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10158 (AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING VAGRANCY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 202 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE)**

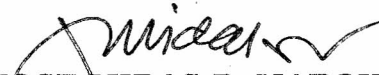
Republic Act No. 10158, entitled *An Act Decriminalizing Vagrancy, Amending for this Purpose Article 202 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code*, was passed into law on March 27, 2012 and published in the Official Gazette on May 14, 2012. Sections 2 and 3 thereof provide:

**Section 2.** Effect on Pending Cases. - All pending cases under the provisions of Article 202 of the Revised Penal Code on Vagrancy prior to its amendment by this Act shall be dismissed upon effectivity of this Act.

**Section 3.** Immediate Release of Convicted Persons. - All persons serving sentence for violation of the provisions of Article 202 of the Revised Penal Code on Vagrancy prior to its amendment by this Act shall be immediately released upon effectivity of this Act: Provided, That they are not serving sentence or detained for any other offense or felony.

For your information and guidance.

August 5, 2013

  
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