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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In light of the recent events where we have seen cases of so-called witnesses coming out and issuing affidavits or statements under oath accusing certain personalities of committing high profile crimes, only to retract and deny the veracity of their accusations in the middle of the investigation, this bill is very timely.

This bill seeks to impose a higher penalty for the issuance of untruthful statements under oath, especially those committed in the course of an investigation.

To deter those that will make a mockery out of our justice system and to preserve the integrity of the tribunal, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
IMPOSING A HIGHER PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF PERJURY,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 183 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Article 183 of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 183. False Testimony in other cases and perjury in solemn affirmation - The penalty of [*arresto mayor* in its medium period to *prision correctional* in its minimum period] *PRISION MAYOR* IN ITS MINIMUM PERIOD TO *PRISION MAYOR* IN ITS MEDIUM PERIOD shall be imposed upon any person who, knowingly making untruthful statements and not being included in the provisions of the next preceding articles, shall testify under oath, or make an affidavit, upon any material matter before a competent person authorized to administer an oath in cases in which the law so requires.

Any person who, in case of a solemn affirmation made in lieu of an oath, shall commit any falsehoods mentioned in this and the three preceding articles of this section, shall suffer the respective penalties provided therein."

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This law shall take effect upon its approval and publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,