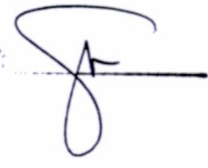


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**AN ACT
AMENDING ARTICLES 183 AND 184 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Article 183 of Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the
2 Revised Penal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 "Article 183. False testimony in other cases and perjury in solemn
4 affirmation. - The penalty of [~~arresto mayor in its maximum~~
5 ~~period to prision correccional in its minimum period~~]
6 **PRISION MAYOR IN ITS MINIMUM PERIOD TO PRISION**
7 **MAYOR IN ITS MEDIUM PERIOD** shall be imposed upon any
8 person who, knowingly make untruthful statements and not being
9 included in the provisions of the next preceding articles, shall testify
10 under oath, or make an affidavit, upon any material matter before

1 a competent person authorized to administer an oath in cases in
2 which the law so requires.

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

7 **ANY PERSON WHO SHALL INCRIMINATE OR IMPUTE,**
8 **THROUGH FALSE TESTIMONY OR UNTRUTHFUL**
9 **STATEMENTS UNDER OATH OR THROUGH AN AFFIDAVIT,**
10 **ANY PERSON THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME SHALL**
11 **SUFFER THE SAME PENALTY AS THAT BEING IMPUTED.**

12 ***PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT, IF WHAT IS BEING***
13 ***INCRIMINATED OR IMPUTED TO A PERSON PROVIDES FOR***
14 ***A LESSER PENALTY THAN WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE***
15 ***FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THIS ARTICLE, THAT PERSON SHALL***
16 ***SUFFER THE SAME PENALTY AS PROVIDED THEREOF.***

17 ***PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT, IF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE***
18 ***FOR THE COMMISSION OF THIS FELONY IS A PUBLIC***
19 ***OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, THE PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED***
20 ***IN ITS MAXIMUM PERIOD. PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT, THE***
21 ***OFFENDER SHALL ALSO SUFFER A FINE NOT TO EXCEED***
22 ***ONE MILLION (Php 1,000,000.00) AND PERPETUAL***

1 **ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING ANY**
2 **APPOINTIVE OR ELECTIVE POSITION IN THE**
3 **GOVERNMENT OR IN ANY AGENCY, ENTITY OR**
4 **INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF.”**

5 **Sec. 2.** Section 184 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Art. 184. Offering false testimony in evidence. — Any person who
8 shall **WILLFULLY AND** knowingly offer in evidence a false witness
9 or testimony in any judicial or official proceeding, shall be punished
10 as guilty of false testimony and shall suffer the respective penalties
11 provided in this section.

12 **Sec. 3. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared
13 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
14 provisions thereof.

15 **Sec. 4. Repealing Clause.** All laws, rules and regulations that may be
16 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
17 accordingly.

18 **Sec. 5. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
19 the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
20 general circulation in the Philippines.

21 *Approved,*