


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to amend Article 177 of Executive Order 209, otherwise known as "The Family Code of the Philippines, to provide for the legitimation of children born to parents below marrying age thus, providing for a remedy by means of which those who in fact were not born in wedlock be considered legitimate. "

The impediments as provided under the law impose an encumbrance on the right of the children born to parents below marrying age to be entitled to the same rights as legitimate children. To deny them such right by reason of the minority of their parents, thereby preventing their legitimation, appears to be unreasonable in light of the stigma and difficulties that illegitimate children have to hurdle during their lives.

Article 174 of Executive Order No. 209 otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines provides the rights of the legitimate children:

- (1) To bear the surnames of the father and the mother, in conformity with the provisions of the Civil Code on Surnames;
- (2) To receive support from their parents, their ascendants, and in proper cases, their brothers and sisters, in conformity with the provisions of this Code on Support; and
- (3) To be entitled to the legitimate and other successional rights granted to them by the Civil Code.

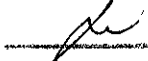
Further, 1987 Constitution, Article XV, Section 3 paragraph 2 provides the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

In light of the foregoing that the amendment of a proviso of the Family Code is earnestly sought in order to uphold the rights of children as well as their human dignity.

  
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AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS  
BELOW MARRYING AGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FAMILY  
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

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

**Section 1.** Article 177 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Article 177. Only children conceived and born outside of wedlock of parents who at the time of the conception of the former were not disqualified by any impediment, **OTHER THAN THE MINORITY OF ANY OF THE PARENTS**, to marry each other may be legitimated."

**Sec. 2. Repealing Clause** - All laws, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders, Proclamations and/or Administrative Regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

**Sec. 3. Effectivity Clause** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,