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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 62

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on JUN 02 2008

Re: Senate Bill No. 2354.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 390.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Ejercito Estrada.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Justice and Human Rights to which was referred Senate Bill No. 390, introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT NO. 3815,  
AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREIN, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 2354, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE."**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 390 with Senators Ejercito Estrada and Escudero as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



**FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO**  
*Chairman*

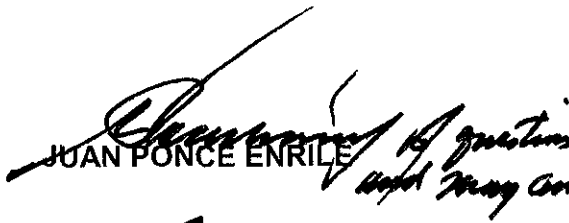


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Vice-Chairman

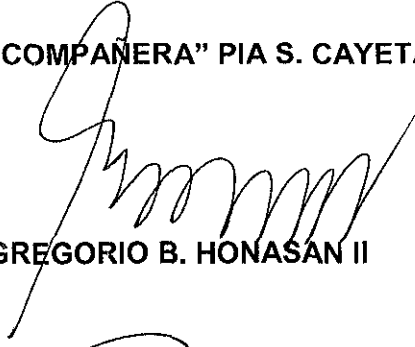
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**ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO**      **"COMPAÑERA" PIA S. CAYETANO**




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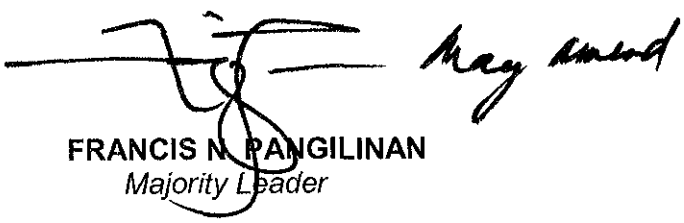
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**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
President Pro-Tempore



**FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN**  
Majority Leader *may amend*

*may amend:*



**AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL JR.**  
Minority Leader

**Hon. MANNY VILLAR**  
Senate President  
Senate of the Philippines  
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Senators Ejercito Estrada and Escudero as authors thereof

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AN ACT  
AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF ACT NO. 3815,  
AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Article 177 of Act. No. 3815, as amended, is hereby further  
2 amended to read as follows:

3                   “ART. 177 *Usurpation of authority or official functions.* Any person who shall  
4 knowingly and falsely represent himself to be an officer, agent or representative  
5 of any department or agency of the Philippine Government or of any foreign  
6 government, or who, under pretense of official position, shall perform any act  
7 pertaining to any person in authority or public officer of the Philippine  
8 Government or of any foreign government, or any agency thereof, without being  
9 lawfully entitled to do so, shall suffer the penalty of [prison correctional]  
10 **PRISION MAYOR** in its minimum and medium periods: PROVIDED, THAT IF  
11 THE OFFENDER IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, THE PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED  
12 SHALL BE IN ITS MAXIMUM PERIOD.”

13           **SEC 2 . *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules and regulations,  
14 executive or administrative orders, and other presidential issuance inconsistent with  
15 this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

16           **SEC 3. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
17 publication in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

18           Approved,