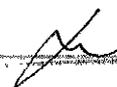


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 86

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments,  
Revision of Codes and Laws on JUL 30 2008

Re: Senate Bill No. 2494.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1747.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Santiago.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of  
Codes and Laws to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1747, introduced by Senator Santiago,  
entitled:

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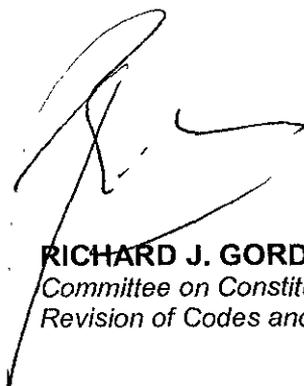
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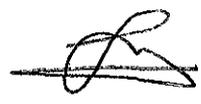
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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1747, with Senators Santiago, Escudero and  
Gordon as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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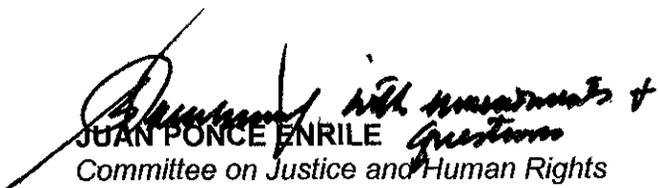
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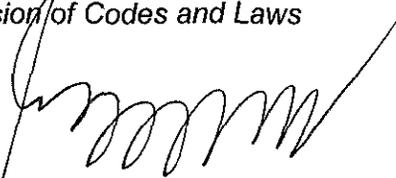
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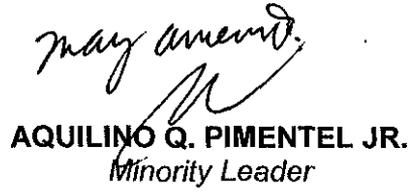
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Article 131 of Act No. 3815, also known as The Revised Penal Code,  
2 as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 Article 131. *Prohibition, interruption and dissolution of peaceful*  
4 *meetings.* - The penalty of *prision correccional* in its minimum period shall  
5 be imposed upon any public officer or employee who, without legal  
6 ground, shall prohibit or interrupt the holding of a peaceful meeting, or  
7 shall dissolve the same.

8 The same penalty shall be imposed upon a public officer or  
9 employee who shall hinder any person from joining any lawful  
10 association or from attending any of its meetings.

11 The same penalty shall be imposed upon any public officer or  
12 employee who shall prohibit or hinder any person from addressing,  
13 either alone or together with others, any petition to the authorities for the  
14 correction of abuses or redress of grievances. PUBLIC OFFICERS OR

1 EMPLOYEES MAY, HOWEVER, PROHIBIT OR HINDER ANY PERSON  
2 FROM ADDRESSING, EITHER ALONE OR TOGETHER WITH  
3 OTHERS, ANY PETITION TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE  
4 CORRECTION OF ABUSES OR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES WHICH  
5 SHALL BE HELD BEFORE OR ABOUT THE RESIDENCE OR  
6 DWELLING OF A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL OR IN VIOLATION OF  
7 EXISTING LAWS.

8 SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
9 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or  
10 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
11 accordingly.

12 SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
13 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

14 Approved,