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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Civil Code, Article 781, provides:

The inheritance of a person includes not only the property and the transmissible rights and obligations existing at the time of his death but also those which have accrued thereto since the opening of the succession.

The provision has no significance. Even without this provision, those fruits and accessions of inherited properties which accrue after the death of the decedent will still belong to the heirs who inherit the properties. The acquisition of these fruits and accessions by the heirs is no longer through succession, but as owners of the properties to which they accrue.

Article 781 should be repealed because it serves no purpose and adds confusion to the law on succession.\*

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