



SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL ON SECOND READING*

First Regular Session, Eighteenth Congress

S. NO. 448 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF WORDS THAT WOULD DENOTE RELIGIOUS, REGIONAL OR ETHNIC AFFILIATION IN PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION INCLUDING CABLE TELEVISION AND OTHER FORMS OF BROADCAST MEDIA TO REFER TO OR DESCRIBE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR UNLAWFUL ACT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

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The bill penalizes members of the local and national media who are found guilty of using the words that would denote religious, regional or ethnic affiliation in print, radio, television, including cable television and/or any form of broadcast media to refer to or describe any person suspected of or convicted of a crime or any unlawful act by imposing the penalty of *arresto mayor* or a fine from One Thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) to Ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) or both, at the discretion of the court.

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