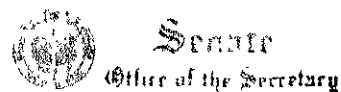


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(ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY  
PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It cannot be denied that the present penalty for false testimony against a defendant, under Article 180 of the Revised Penal Code, depend upon the sentence imposed on the person against the false testimony was given. Consequently, the penalty of reclusion temporal, if the defendant in said case shall have been sentenced to death; the penalty of prision mayor, if the defendant shall have been sentenced to reclusion temporal or reclusion perpetua; the penalty of prision correccional, if the defendant shall have been sentenced to any other afflictive penalty; and the penalty of arresto mayor, if the defendant shall have been sentenced to a correctional penalty or a fine, or shall have been acquitted.

This bill seeks to amend Article 180 of the Revised Penal Code by imposing on any person who shall give false testimony against the defendant in any criminal case to suffer the same penalty imposable or to be suffered by the defendant based on the crime charged in said criminal case. On the condition that the defendant to whom the false testimony was conveyed against will be acquitted of the criminal charges.

Immediate passage of this bill is highly needed.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 180 of the Revised Penal Code (Act No. 3815, as amended) is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

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4 Art. 180. *False testimony against a defendant.* — Any person who shall give false  
5 testimony against the defendant in any criminal case shall suffer THE SAME PENALTY  
6 IMPOSABLE OR TO BE SUFFERED BY THE DEFENDANT BASED ON THE  
7 CRIME CHARGED IN SAID CRIMINAL CASE. PROVIDED, THAT THE  
8 DEFENDANT TO WHOM THE FALSE TESTIMONY WAS CONVEYED AGAINST  
9 WILL BE ACQUITTED OF THE CRIMINAL CHARGES [:

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11 1. The penalty of reclusion temporal, if the defendant in said case shall have been  
12 sentenced to death;

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14 reclusion temporal or reclusion perpetua;

15 3. The penalty of prision correccional, if the defendant shall have been sentenced  
16 to any other afflictive penalty; and

17 4. The penalty of arresto mayor, if the defendant shall have been sentenced to a  
18 correctional penalty or a fine, or shall have been acquitted.]

1 In SUCH CASE [cases provided in subdivisions 3 and 4 of this article] the offender shall  
2 further suffer a fine not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (P100,000.00) [1,000]  
3 pesos.

4 Section 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts'  
5 thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified  
6 accordingly.

7 Section 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
8 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

9 *Approved,*