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AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Civil Code, Article 1032, enumerates the people who are disqualified to succeed by reason of unworthiness. It reads:

Article 1032. The following are incapable of succeeding by reason of unworthiness:

- (1) Parents who have abandoned their children or induced their daughter to lead a corrupt or immoral life, or attempted against their virtue....

The disqualification is gender-biased. This bill seeks to cure this defect by including in the enumeration parents who have induced their sons to lead a corrupt or immoral life, or attempted against their virtue.¹


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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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

1 SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 386, also known as the Civil Code of the
2 Philippines, Article 1032 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 Article 1032. The following are incapable of succeeding by
4 reason of unworthiness:

- 5 1. Parents who have abandoned their children, [or]
6 induced [their daughters] **THEM** to lead a corrupt or immoral
7 life, or attempted against their virtue....

8 SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
9 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
10 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
12 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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