



SENATE

S. No. 1354

PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SENATORS SOTTO III, LACSON, DE LIMA, GORDON, REVILLA JR. AND ZUBIRI AS AUTHORS THEREOF

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 183 AND 184 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 183 of Act No. 3815, as amended,
2 otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 “Article 183. *False testimony in other*
5 *cases and perjury in solemn affirmation.* – The
6 penalty of [~~arresto mayor in its maximum~~
7 ~~period to prision correccional in its minimum~~
8 period] PRISION MAYOR IN ITS MINIMUM

1 PERIOD TO PRISION MAYOR IN ITS
2 MEDIUM PERIOD shall be imposed upon any
3 person who, knowingly make untruthful
4 statements and not being included in the
5 provisions of the next preceding articles, shall
6 testify under oath, or make an affidavit, upon
7 any material matter before a competent person
8 authorized to administer an oath in cases in
9 which the law so requires.

10 "Any person who, in case of a solemn
11 affirmation made in lieu of an oath, shall
12 commit any of the falsehoods mentioned in this
13 and the three preceding articles of this section,
14 shall suffer the respective penalties provided
15 therein.

16 *PROVIDED, THAT, IF THE PERSON*
17 *RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION OF*
18 *THIS FELONY IS A PUBLIC OFFICER OR*
19 *EMPLOYEE, THE PENALTY SHALL BE*
20 *IMPOSED IN ITS MAXIMUM PERIOD.*

1 *PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT, THE*
2 OFFENDER SHALL ALSO SUFFER A FINE
3 NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION PESOS
4 (P1,000,000.00) AND PERPETUAL
5 ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION FROM
6 HOLDING ANY APPOINTIVE OR ELECTIVE
7 POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT OR IN
8 ANY AGENCY, ENTITY OR
9 INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF.”

10 SEC. 2. Article 184 of the same Act, as amended, is
11 hereby further amended to read as follows:

12 “Art. 184. *Offering false testimony in*
13 *evidence.* – Any person who shall WILLFULLY
14 AND knowingly offer in evidence a false
15 witness or testimony in any judicial or official
16 proceeding, shall be punished as guilty of false
17 testimony and shall suffer the respective
18 penalties provided in this section.”

1 SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this
2 Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect
3 the validity and effectivity of the other provisions thereof.

4 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and
5 regulations that may be inconsistent with the provisions of
6 this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

7 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after
8 fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication
9 either in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
10 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,