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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 67

Submitted by the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media on  
MAR - 5 2020.

Re: **Senate Bill No. 448.**

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor: Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Public Information and Mass Media to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 448**, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr., entitled:

**"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"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved without amendments.

Respectfully submitted:

*Chairperson*



**SEN. RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**  
*Committee on Public Information and Mass Media*

*Vice-Chairperson*

*Grace Poe*  
**SEN. GRACE POE** *may interpellate  
amend*

*Members*

*Imee R. Marcos*  
**SEN. IMEE R. MARCOS**



**SEN. MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**

*will interpellate*  
**SEN. FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO**

**SEN. PANFILO M. LACSON**

*Amn*  
**SEN. CHRISTOPHER BONG GO**

**SEN. JOEL VILLANUEVA**


*for interpellation*  
**SEN. EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO**

**SEN. FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN**

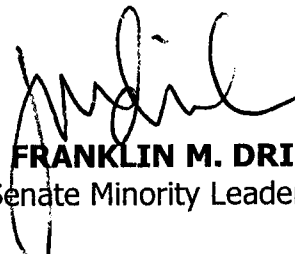
*ambitious & careful*  
**SEN. RISA HONTIVEROS**  
*will interpellate & propose  
amendments.*

Ex Officio Members:

**SEN. RALPH G. RECTO**  
Senate President Pro-Tempore



**SEN. JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**  
Senate Majority Leader



**SEN. FRANKLIN M. DRILON**  
Senate Minority Leader

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

1 Section 1. *Prohibited Act.* – It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to use  
2 the words that would denote religious, regional or ethnic affiliation in print, radio,  
3 television, including cable television and/or any form of broadcast media to refer to or  
4 describe any person suspected of or convicted of a crime or any unlawful act.

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6 Sec. 2. *Penalties.* – The penalty of *arresto mayor* or a fine ranging from One  
7 thousand pesos (Php 1,000.00) to Ten thousand pesos (Php 10,000.00) or both, at the  
8 discretion of the court, shall be imposed upon any person found guilty of violating  
9 Section 1 hereof.

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11 Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason any section or provision of this  
12 Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby  
13 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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1           Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts  
2 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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4           Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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7           Approved,