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**“AN ACT  
EXTENDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998”**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 22 of Republic Act No. 8552 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3           “SEC. 22. Rectification of Simulated Births. – A person who has simulated  
4 birth of a child shall not be punished for such act: *Provided*, That the simulation  
5 was made for the best of the child and that he/she is consistently considered and  
6 treated by that person as his/her own son/daughter; *Provided, further*, That the  
7 application for the correction of the birth registration and petition for adoption  
8 shall be filed within fifteen (15) years from the effectivity of this Act and  
9 completed thereafter: *Provided, finally*, That such person complies with the  
10 procedures as specified in Article IV of this Act and other requirements as  
11 determined by the Department.”

12           **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication  
13 in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

14           Approved,