

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
First Regular Session

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 37

Submitted jointly by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, and the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations on DEC 26 2007

Re: Senate Bill No. 1989, prepared by the committees.

Recommending its approval, in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1245.

Sponsor: Senators Gordon and Madrigal.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws and the Committee on Youth Women and Family Relations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1245, introduced by Senator Pangilinan, entitled:

**"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"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1989, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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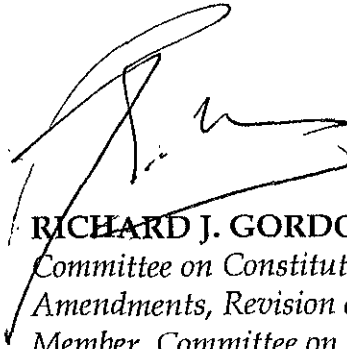
be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1245, with Senators Pangilinan, Gordon, Madrigal and the Members of the Committees as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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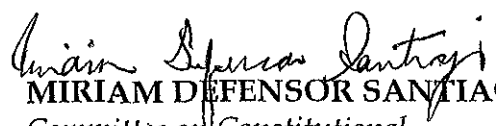


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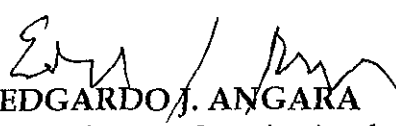
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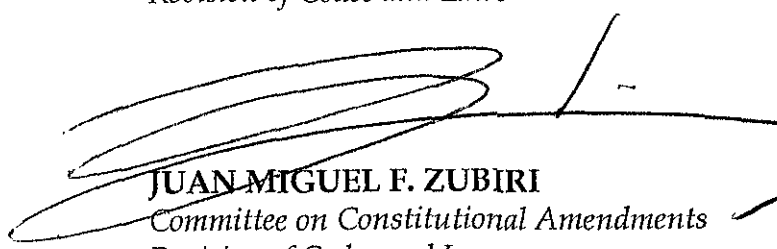
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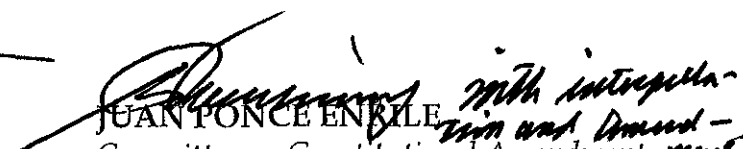
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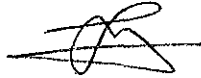
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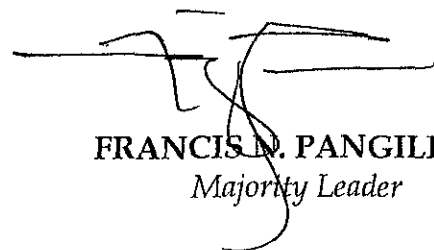
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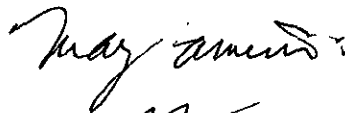
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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,