



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS BELOW MARRYING AGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

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

1           SECTION 1. Article 177 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known  
2 as the Family Code of the Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended  
3 to read as follows:

4           “Art. 177. [Only] [c]Children conceived and born outside of  
5 wedlock of parents who, at the time of the conception of the  
6 former, were not disqualified by any impediment to marry each  
7 other, OR WERE SO DISQUALIFIED ONLY BECAUSE EITHER OR

1           **BOTH OF THEM WERE BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE,**  
2           **may be legitimated.”**

3           “Art. 178. Legitimation shall take place by a subsequent  
4           valid marriage between parents. The annulment of a voidable  
5           marriage shall not affect the legitimation.”

6           **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules.*** – The Civil Registrar General shall, in  
7           consultation with the chairpersons of the Committee on Revision of Laws of  
8           the House of Representatives and the Committee on Constitutional  
9           Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws of the Senate, the Council for the  
10          Welfare of Children, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of  
11          Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Office of the Supreme Court Administrator, the  
12          Philippine Association of Civil Registrars (PACR) and the UP Law Center,  
13          issue the necessary rules/regulations for the effective implementation of this  
14          Act not later than one (1) month from its effectivity.

15          **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive  
16          orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent  
17          with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or  
18          repealed accordingly.

19          **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
20          after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)  
21          newspapers of national circulation.

          Approved,

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