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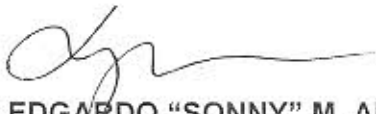
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AN ACT
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Article 7 of the Family Code of the Philippines is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 7 Marriage may be solemnized by:

1. Any incumbent member of the judiciary within the court's jurisdiction;
2. (2)Any priest, rabbi, imam, or minister of any church or religious sect duly authorized by his church or religious sect and registered with the civil register general, acting within the limits of the written authority granted him by his church or religious sect and provided that at least one of the contracting parties belongs to the solemnizing officer's church or religious sect;
3. Any ship captain or airplane chief only in the cases mentioned in Article 31;
4. Any military commander of a unit to which a chaplain is assigned, in the absence of the latter, during a military operation, likewise only in the cases mentioned in Article 32; [or]
5. Any consul-general, consul or vice-consul in the case provided in Article 10; **OR**
6. **ANY PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, WITHIN HIS/HER JURISDICTION.**

SEC. 2. Article 8 of the Family Code of the Philippines is hereby amended to read as follows:

Art. 8. The marriage shall be solemnized publicly in the chambers of the judge or in open court, in the church, chapel or temple, or in the office of the consul-general, consul or vice-consul, **OR PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR** as the case may be, and not elsewhere, except in cases of marriages contracted at the point of death or in remote places in accordance with Art. 29 of this code, or where both of the parties request the solemnizing officer in writing in which case the marriage may be solemnized at a house or place designated by them in a sworn statement to that effect.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the official gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication.

Approved,