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HOUSE BILL NO. 2202

Introduced by **REP. SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the amendments perceived to be necessary to strengthen the system established by P.D. No. 1508 of amicably setting disputes at the barangay level concerns the institution of safeguards against prescription of actions which may occur if conciliation is resorted to by the parties.

This bill responds to this need by specifically providing that the filing of case with the Punong Barangay interrupts the running of the prescriptive period under the Civil Code and amending Article 1155 therefore to that effect. The suspension, however, should not extend to more than 60 days to prevent the possibility of undue delay that the suspension might entail.

In the interest of encouraging serious recourse to the system of amicably setting disputes at the barangay level, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROMOTING BARANGAY JUSTICE BY AMENDING ARTICLE ELEVEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Article 1155 of the Civil Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“ART. 1155. The prescription of actions is interrupted when they are filed
before the court, when there is a written extrajudicial demand by the creditors, [and] when
there is any written acknowledgement of the debt by the debtor, OR WHEN THEY ARE
BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUNONG BARANGAY OR THE LUPON NG
TAGAPAMAYAPA UNDER THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE..

IF BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUNONG BARANGAY OR THE LUPON NG
TAGAPAMAYAPA, THE PRESCRIPTION OF ACTION IS SUSPENDED ONLY FOR A
PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS TO BE RECKONED FROM THE DATE OF SAID
REFERRAL.

SEC 2. This Act shall be without prejudice to the pertinent provisions of the Revised
Katarungang Pambarangay Law as provided for in Sections 399 – 422, Chapter VII, Title I,
Book III of Republic Act No. 7160.

SEC 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2)
newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,