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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

15th Congress
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October 14, 2010

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Deputy Secretary General
for Operations

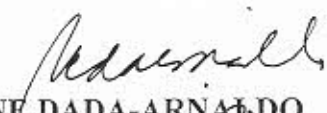
ATTENTION : The Executive Director
Plenary Affairs Bureau

The Service Director
Bills and Index Service

FROM : The Deputy Secretary General
For Committee Affairs

We are transmitting six (6) copies of Committee Report submitted by the Committee on Social Services on the substitute bill to House Bills Numbered 582, 1216, 1791 and 1822, entitled **"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998".**

For your appropriate action.


Atty. **ARLENE DADA-ARNALDO**
Deputy Secretary General
for Committee Affairs 



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 303

Submitted by the Committee on Social Services on 19 OCT 2010 ;

Re : **House Bill No. 3543**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Numbers
582, 1216, 1791 and 1822

Sponsors : Reps. Arturo B. Robes, Pedro P. Romualdo, Diosdado Macapagal
Arroyo, Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay and Giorgidi B. Aggabao

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Social Services, to which were referred House Bill No. 582
introduced by Rep. Pedro P. Romualdo, entitled:

**“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE
RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE RA 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DOMESTIC
ADOPTION ACT OF 1998,’**

House Bill No. 1216 introduced by Reps. Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo and Gloria
Macapagal-Arroyo, 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,”**

House Bill No. 1791 introduced by Rep. Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay, entitled:

**“AN ACT AMENDING SEC. 22 OF RA 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998,”**

and House Bill No. 1822 introduced by Rep. Giorgidi B. Aggabao, entitled:

**"AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR RECTIFICATION OF
SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 22
OF RA 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC
ADOPTION ACT OF 1998",**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **3543**,
entitled:

**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE
RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
'DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998'"**

be approved in substitution of House Bill Nos. 582, 1216, 1791 and 1822 with Reps.
Pedro P. Romualdo, Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Mar-Len
Abigail S. Binay, Giorgidi B. Aggabao, and Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo as authors
thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. ARTURO B. ROBES
Chairperson
Committee on Social Services

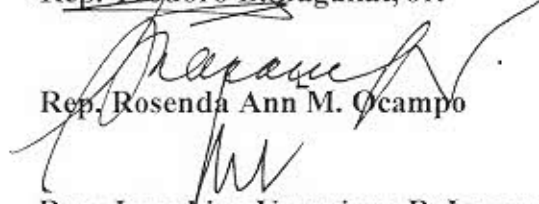
The Honorable Speaker
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Rep. Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia

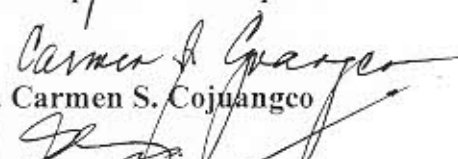
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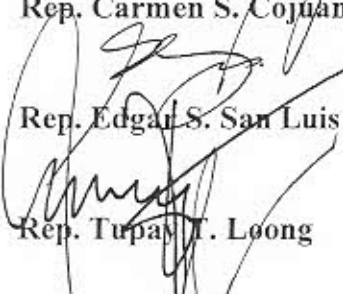
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Rep. Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel

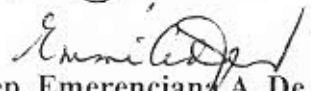

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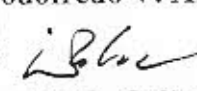

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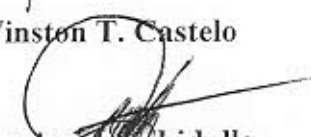

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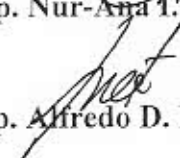

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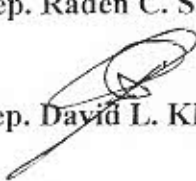

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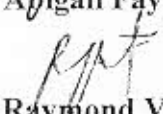

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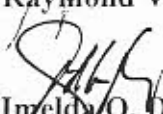
Rep. Raden C. Sakaluran


Rep. David L. Kho

Rep. Imelda R. Marcos


Rep. Abigail Faye C. Ferriol


Rep. Raymond V. Palatino


Rep. Imelda Q. Dimaporo



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3543

(in substitution of House Bill No. 582, 1216, 1791 and 1822)

Introduced by Representatives Pedro P. Romualdo, Diosdado Macapagal Arroyo,
Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay, Giorgidi B. Aggabao and Juan
Miguel Macapagal Arroyo

AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE 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:*

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

"SEC. 22. Rectification of Simulated Births.- A person who has
[prior to the effectivity of this Act,] simulated the birth of a child shall not be
punished for such act: *Provided*, That the simulation of birth was made for the
best interest of the child WHO [and that he/she] has been consistently
considered and treated AS THE DAUGHTER OR SON OF [by] that person [
as his/her own son/daughter]: *Provided further*, That the application for
correction of the birth registration and petition shall be filed [within five (5)
years from the effectivity of this Act and completed thereafter] BY
DECEMBER 31, 2018: *Provided finally*, That such person complies with the
procedure as specified in Article IV of this Act and other requirements as
determined by the Department.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION."

SEC. 2. All simulation of births done beyond the effectivity of this Act shall
no longer be allowed for rectification.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same
shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 4. All laws , presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and
regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
Official Gazette or two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 582

INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN PEDRO P. ROMUALDO

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

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

"SEC. 22. Rectification of Simulated Births. – A person who has [prior to the
effectivity of this Act,] simulated the birth of a child shall not be punished for such
act: Provided, That the simulation of birth was made for the best interest of the child
WHO [and that he/she] has been consistently considered and treated AS THE
DAUGHTER OR SON OF [by] that person [as his/her own son/daughter/: Provided
further, That the application for correction of the birth registration and petition shall be
filed [within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and completed thereafter] BY
DECEMBER 31, 2017: Provided finally. That such person complies with the
procedure as specified in Article IV of this Act and other requirements as determined by
the Department."

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND
OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS
INCENTIVE.

SECTION 2. All simulation of births done beyond the effectivity of this Act shall
no longer be allowed for rectification.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

process in the rectification of the simulated birth. Further, the public has a misconception towards the amnesty provided by law.

In view of the above, educating and informing the public on the facts of rectification of the simulated birth requires time, effort and money. For those who have falsified birth certificates, the amnesty period given to them expired last March 2003. The information dissemination efforts of the concerned agencies to encourage the people to avail of the amnesty was ineffective. Hence, an amendment seeking the extension of the deadline is hereby proposed.

It is important that this proposed bill extending the deadline for the rectification of simulated births to March 2013 or fifteen years from March 1998, the effectivity date of R.A. No. 8552, be passed by Congress to allow those who wish to avail of the amnesty to comply with the provisions provided by law and to have the opportunity to fully enjoy the benefits of a legally adopted child.

For this reason, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL ARROYO
Second District, Camarines Sur


GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
Second District, Pampanga

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 1216

Introduced by Representatives
DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL ARROYO and GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

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:*

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

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

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

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1791

Introduced by: Honorable Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The primary function of Republic Act No. 8552, otherwise known as the "Domestic Adoption Act of 1998" is to provide amnesty to individuals who have already falsified birth certificates or are already in the process of undertaking similar procedures in the hope of legitimizing their custody and care over a child. Given that the law is only applicable to the individuals acting out of good faith, for the sole purpose of caring for and the protection of the child, the state recognizes the absurdity in punishing these persons.

This proposed measure aims to repeal the prescriptive period originally provided for under Section 22 of the Act, to effectively remove the time constraint governing the applicability of the amnesty offered to the concerned individuals, and ultimately the completion of the proper registration processes. The initial allotted time period of five (5) years from the passage of this Act to an unlimited time thereafter is hereby strongly suggested, for the Act to be made more manifest and consequently, much more effective in its implementation.

Upon approval of this proposed measure, the affected individuals need not concern themselves anymore with the legal time constraint imposed upon the completion of the adoption process. This in turn would lead to greater participation and motivation to undergo the proper process, ensuring the enforceability of the law for future cases. The occurrence of which can only bring positive changes to the development of the procedures for domestic adoption, as this would put a specific and organized system in place.

As a result from this measure, the Department of Social Welfare and Development shall be able to perform its duties in a more efficient and practical manner, since the participation of the affected individuals and the local government units in these matters is made much more concrete, thereby saving precious funds and resources allocated to these agencies.

Therefore, it is respectfully prayed of this 15th Congress that an amendment to RA 8552 be made for the reasons herein discussed


MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1791

Introduced by: Honorable Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998"

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

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

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

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SHALL ALSO CLOSELY COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SUCCESSFULLY DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

SEC. 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All other laws, decrees, executive orders, and other administrative issuances and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, amended, superseded or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVITY. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or any major daily newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1822

Introduced by Hon. Giorgidi B. Aggabao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is common knowledge that couples (especially childless) resort to simulation of birth to avoid the tedious process of adoption. To be sure, simulation of birth is a criminal act punishable under Article 347 of the Revised Penal Code; it also constitutes falsification under Article 172 of the same code. Yet, Congress has recognized that this unlawful scheme is often resorted to with good faith intentions and with the best interest of the child in mind. For this reason, Congress saw fit to provide an opportunity and procedure for couples so situated to rectify the simulation and to legalize the present parent-child relationship, without incurring any criminal liability. Thus, Sec. 22 of RA 8552 otherwise known as the Domestic Adoption Act of 1998, provided as follows:

“Rectification of Simulated Births - A person who has, prior to the effectivity of this Act, simulated the birth of a child shall not be punished for such act: Provided: that the simulation of birth was made for the best interest of the child and that he / she has been consistently considered and treated by that person as his/her son / daughter ; Provided further : That the application for correction of birth registration and petition for adoption shall be filed within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and completed thereafter; Provided such person complies with the procedure as specified in Article IV of this Act and other requirements as determined by the Department.

Unfortunately, perhaps due to lack of proper legal advice or awareness of the remedy provided by law, there are still numerous concerned couples who have not been able to avail of Sec. 22 of RA 8552. Much as they would want to rectify and legitimize their parent-child relationship, they can no longer do so since the prescriptive period provided therein has already lapsed. Thus, they are left with no option but to maintain the status quo sub rosa, lest they incur criminal liability. This leaves them prey to blackmail, extortion and potential legal claims from unscrupulous persons resulting in a greater evil, i.e. the disturbance of family relations and trauma on the part of the child.

Given the above premises, it becomes necessary and even compelling to amend Sec. 22 of RA 8552, extending for another five (5) years the rectification of simulated births in order to provide an opportunity for couples who may have failed to avail of its salutary benefits, to do so.


GIORGIDI B. AGGABAO

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1822

Introduced by Hon. Giorgidi B. Aggabao

AN ACT
TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 22 OF RA 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998

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

Section One - Section 22 of RA 8552 is hereby amended as follows:

“Rectification of Simulated Births - A person who has simulated the birth of a child FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECORDING THE CHILD AS HIS / HER LEGITIMATE BIOLOGICAL OFFSPRING shall not be punished for such act: Provided, That the simulation of birth was made for the best interest of the child and that he /she has been consistently considered and treated by that person as his/her own son / daughter; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE PERSON HAS NO LEGITIMATE OR NATURAL CHILD AT THE TIME OF THE SIMULATED BIRTH, OR THAT THE CONSENT OF HIS/HER CHILD WHO IS OF AGE, HAS BEEN OBTAINED; Provided, Furthermore, That the application for correction of the birth registration and petition for adoption shall be filed within five (5) years from the effectivity of this AMENDMENT; and Provided, Finally, That such person complies with the procedure as specified in Article IV of this Act and other requirements as determined by the Department.”

Section Two - Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive order, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section Three - Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect upon the publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, 1:30 P.M.
AT CONFERENCE ROOMS 9 & 10, RAMON V. MITRA BLDG., HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, QUEZON CITY

CALL TO ORDER /ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 07, 2010 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:52 PM with Rep. Arturo Robes, Chair of the Committee, presiding. Roll call was dispensed with. The minutes of the organizational meeting on September 07, 2010 was approved.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Robes welcomed the Committee members and guests from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Intercountry Adoption Board (ICAB) and the Association of Child-caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP). He thanked the DSWD and the National Council on Disability Affairs for sending their resource speakers who briefed the Committee on their respective agencies' profiles during the organizational meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

The Committee Secretary acknowledged the following guests: Ms. Gina Escalante and Ms. Ellaine Bayongacon from ICAB, Ms. Josefina Dimalaluan and Ms. Josephine Matol from ACCAP, and Mr. Norberto Patalinghug and Ms. Belma Villaluna from DSWD.

DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1822

Rep. Georgidi Aggabao, author of House Bill No. 1822 entitled "An Act to Extend the Period of Rectification of Simulated Births, Amending for the Purpose Sec. 22 of RA 8522, Otherwise Known as the Domestic Adoption Act of 1998" thanked the Chair and the Committee for acting on the proposed legislation with dispatch. He said he refiled the measure at the behest of the DSWD and other parties concerned. He sought the approval of a substitute bill that has been passed by the Committee during the 14th Congress.

Rep. De Venecia introduced an amendment to the substitute bill to include the local civil registry and/or the National Statistics Office as among the agencies mandated to do information dissemination. The amendment was adopted.

Representatives from the DSWD the ICAB and the ACCAP expressed their full support for the bill as this will ensure the protection of children whose births were simulated. They likewise welcomed the suggestion of the Chair, Rep. Arturo B. Robes, to adopt the substitute measure approved during the 14th Congress in lieu of HB 1822. The substitute bill extends the period for rectification of simulated births to another eight (8) years giving ample time for appropriate agencies to conduct an information campaign.

The collegial body approved the substitute bill, as amended, and its accompanying Committee Report.

OTHER MATTERS

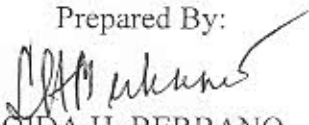
The Chair announced the celebration of the Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week on September 16-22, 2010, in which the Committee actively participates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM.

We hereby attest to the veracity of the foregoing.

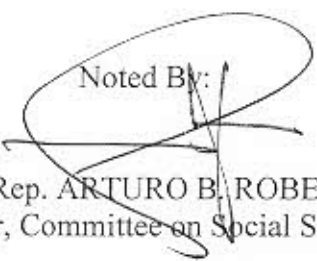
Prepared By:


LOIDA H. BERBANO
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Certified Correct By:


MA. VICTORIA R. MANRIQUE
Legislative Committee Secretary

Noted By:


Rep. ARTURO B. ROBES
Chair, Committee on Social Services



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15th Congress
1st Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

FOR : THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
THRU : THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL *[Signature]*
FOR COMMITTEE AFFAIRS
RE : SPOT REPORT ON THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 AT RVM RMS 9&10 AT 1:30 PM
DATE : 13 SEPTEMBER 2010

The Committee on Social Services held its first regular meeting on September 13, 2010 to discuss House Bill No. 1822, on rectification of simulated births, authored by Rep. Giorgidi B. Aggabao. The bill was a re-filed bill which substitute measure was approved by the Committee during the 14th Congress.

Representatives from the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Inter-country Adoption Board and the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines expressed their full support for the bill as this will ensure the protection of children whose births were simulated. They likewise welcomed the suggestion of the Chair, Rep. Arturo B. Robes, to adopt the substitute measure approved during the 14th Congress in lieu of HB 1822. The substitute bill extends the period for rectification of simulated births to another 8 years giving ample time for appropriate agencies to do information dissemination.

Rep. Georgina P. De Venecia introduced an amendment to the substitute measure to include the local civil registry and/or the National Statistics Office as among the agencies mandated to do information dissemination. The body adopted said amendment. The body approved the substitute measure, as amended.

In anticipation of the approval of the measure, the secretariat prepared the Committee Report on the amended substitute bill for HB 1822 which the Committee approved.

Prepared by:

[Signature]
MA. VICTORIA R. MANRIQUE
Committee Secretary

Noted by:

[Signature]
ATTY. BENJAMIN M. TAGAYUNA, JR.
Service Director, CTSS III

Cc: The Chairperson, Committee on Rules
The Secretary General
The Executive Director, CAD
The Deputy Executive Director, CAD
The Service Director, CASS

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 3543

(in substitution of House Bill Numbers 582, 1216, 1791 and 1822)

As approved on September 13, 2010

PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552 OR THE "DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998"

*Introduced by: Rep. Pedro P. Romualdo, Rep. Diosdado JM Macapagal-Arroyo, Rep. Gloria Macaraeg
Macapagal-Arroyo, Rep. Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay and Rep. Georgidi B. Aggabao*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
Committee Chairperson: REP. ARTURO B. ROBES*

OBJECTIVE:

- To provide a longer period for individuals who have simulated the births of children to legitimize their custody and care over a child.

KEY PROVISION:

- Extends the prescriptive period until December 31, 2018 for rectification of simulation of birth originally provided for under Section 22 of Republic Act No. 8552 or the Domestic Adoption Law;
- Disallows rectification of simulated births done after effectivity of the law; and
- Requires the Department of Social Welfare and Development to coordinate with the National Statistics Office, Local Government Units and other concerned agencies for the dissemination of this information.

RELATED LAW:

- Article 347 of the Revised Penal Code