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HOUSE BILL NO. 793



Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Penal Code, Arts. 178 and 348, penalize only those persons who use fictitious name and conceal their true identity, or usurp the civil status of another. These penal provisions do not apply to persons who, for any reason of their own, induce or cause one to do these prohibited acts. The bill seeks to penalize not only those who directly commit the prohibited acts under Arts. 178 and 348, but also those without whose inducement, the crime would not have been committed.


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AN ACT
PENALIZING ANY PERSON WHO INDUCES OR CAUSES ANOTHER TO
USE A FICTITIOUS NAME, OR CONCEALS HIS TRUE NAME, OR USURPS THE
CIVIL, STATUS OF ANOTHER PERSON, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
ARTICLES 178 AND 348 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

SECTION 1. Article 178 of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 178. Using fictitious name and concealing true name. The penalty of Prison Mayor and a fine not to exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person who shall publicly use a fictitious name for the purpose of concealing a crime, evading the execution of a judgment or causing damage. Any person who conceals his true name and other personal circumstances shall be punished by Arresto Menor or a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00). THE PENALTY OF PRISON MAYOR AND FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P 50,000.00) SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON ANY PERSON WHO, FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER, KNOWINGLY INDUCES ANOTHER TO USE A FICTITIOUS NAME OR CONCEAL HIS TRUE NAME AND OTHER PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES."

SEC: 2. Article 348 of the Revised Penal code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 348. Usurpation of civil status.- The penalty of Prison Mayor shall be imposed upon any person who shall usurp the civil status of another, should he do for the purpose of defrauding the offended party or his heirs; otherwise, the penalty of Prison Correctional in its medium and maximum periods shall be imposed. THE PENALTY OF PRISON MAYOR IN ITS MAXIMUM PERIOD SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY INDUCES OR CAUSES ANOTHER TO USURP THE CIVIL, STATUS OF ANOTHER FOR ANY PURPOSES WHATSOEVER."

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

Approved,