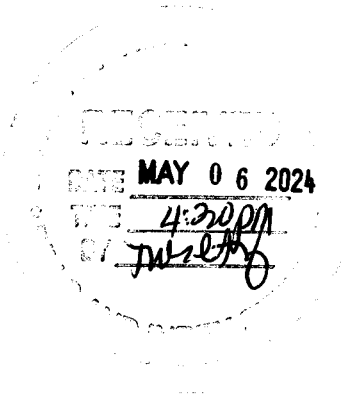
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10353

Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill defines the crime of subornation of perjury, or the crime of inducing or coercing another person to commit perjury. This crime, especially when committed by those in the government, is an attack against the principles upon which our country's justice system is based. This bill will penalize such acts, ensuring that only the truth is told in our courts and upholding fairness its impartiality.

Given the trust and confidence vested in public officers, and the greater impact of their commission of this crime, this bill increases the penalty when they are involved in this act.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF SUBORNATION OF PERJURY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED PENAL CODE"

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

SECTION 1. Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the "Revised Penal Code," shall be amended by adding a new Article 184-A thereto, as follows:

> "Article 184-A. *Subornation of Perjury.* – Whoever procures, coerces, or otherwise induces another to commit any perjury shall suffer the respective penalties provided in this section: *Provided,* That if the person responsible for the commission of this felony is a public officer or employee, or if the testimony results in the institution of a criminal action against another, the penalty shall be imposed in its maximum period: *Provided, further,* That the offender shall also suffer a fine not to exceed one million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) and perpetual absolute disqualification from holding any appointive or elective position in the government or in any agency, entity, or instrumentality thereof: *Provided, finally,* That prosecution or conviction under this provision shall be without prejudice to a separate action for damages."

SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected there shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All Acts, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders and Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other such issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15 days) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,