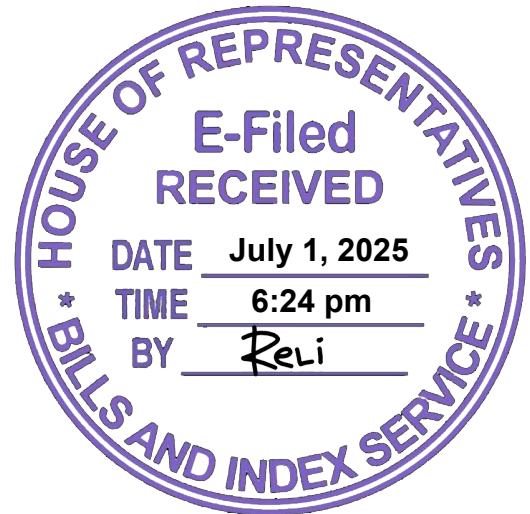




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code provides that a defense can be invoked by an accused if the killing or infliction of injuries were done out of a "justified burst of passion." Honor-based violence is gender-based violence. Killing, and inflicting violence can never be justified; even under the pretext of honor and reputation. Case records show that victims are predominantly women. Article II Section 11 of the Constitution provides that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights."

Moreover, while the first 2 paragraphs of article 247 of the Revised Penal Code apply to both spouses, the third paragraph pertains only to daughters and not sons. These reveal discriminatory gender-based presumptions under the existing law.

Hence the repeal of this provision is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REPEALING ARTICLE 247 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

SECTION 1. Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code is hereby repealed.

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

Approved,