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HOUSE BILL NO. 3220



Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill increases the penalties under Article 363 (Incriminating Innocent Persons) and Article 364 (Intriguing Against Honor) of the Revised Penal Code .

Incriminating innocent person is committed by any person who, by any act not constituting perjury, shall directly incriminate or impute to an innocent person the commission of a crime, while intriguing against honor is committed by any person who intrigues another for the principal purpose of blemishing the honor or reputation of a person.

The present penalties imposed by the law are not commensurate to the injury or damage caused to the victim of false prosecution and intrigue. There is therefore a need to punish with greater severity individuals who are found guilty of incriminatory machinations.

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


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AN ACT
AMENDING ARTICLES 363 AND 364 OF 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. Article 363 of Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 363. Incriminating innocent person. - Any person who, by any act not constituting perjury, shall directly incriminate or impute to an innocent person the commission of a crime, shall be punished by [arresto mayor] PRISION MAYOR IN ITS MINIMUM PERIOD."

SEC. 2. Article 364 of the same Act, is likewise hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 364. Intriguing against honor. - The penalty of [arresto menor] PRISION CORRECCIONAL IN ITS MINIMUM PERIOD or fine not exceeding [200] 50,000 pesos shall be imposed for any intrigue which has for its principal purpose to blemish the honor or reputation of a person."

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC 4 . Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC 5. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,