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OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
AN ACT REVISING THE PENAL CODE AND OTHER PENAL LAWS
(Act No. 3815)**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Lying under oath is commonplace these days. We see it every day all over, yet people get away with it.

It is about time we a new set of teeth into this law, and stop this trend.

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


ARNOLFO A. TEVES, JR.



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House Bill No. 0155

Introduced by Rep. ARNOLFO A. TEVES, JR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 181 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as "*An Act
Revising the Penal Code and Other Penal Laws*" is hereby amended to read as
follows:

*"False testimony favorable to the defendants. — Any person who shall give
false testimony in favor of the defendant in a criminal case, shall suffer the
penalties of prision correccional in its maximum period to prision mayor in
its minimum period a fine not to exceed 100,000 pesos, if the prosecution is
for a felony punishable by an afflictive penalty, and the penalty of prision
correccional medium in any other case."*

SEC. 2. Section 182 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as
follows:

*"False testimony in civil cases. — Any person found guilty of false
testimony in a civil case shall suffer the penalty of prision correccional in its
maximum period and a fine not to exceed 100,000 pesos, if the amount in
controversy shall exceed 5,000 pesos, and the penalty of prision correccional
in its minimum period to prision correccional in its medium period and a
fine not to exceed 50,000 pesos, if the amount in controversy shall not exceed
said amount or cannot be estimated."*

SEC. 3. Section 183 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 183. False testimony in other cases and perjury in solemn affirmation. — The penalty of prision mayor in its maximum period to reclusion temporal in its medium period shall be imposed upon any person, who knowingly makes untruthful statements and not being included in the provisions of the next preceding articles, shall testify under oath, or make an affidavit, upon any material matter before a competent person authorized to administer an oath in cases in which the law so requires.

"Any person who, in case of a solemn affirmation made in lieu of an oath, shall commit any of the falsehoods mentioned in this and the three preceding articles of this section, shall suffer the respective penalties provided therein."

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision of this Act be declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Transitory Provision; Applicability to Pending Cases.* – For cases pending before the courts upon the effectivity of this Act where trial has already started, the courts hearing such cases shall not lose jurisdiction over the same by virtue of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.