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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1314**

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws on **November 9, 2021**

Re : House Bill No. **10459**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1426

Sponsors : Representatives Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla and Luis N. Campos, Jr.

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**Mr. Speaker:**

The Committee on Revision of Laws to which was referred House Bill No. 1426, introduced by Reps. Luis N. Campos, Jr., and Arlene D. Brosas entitled:


**“AN ACT  
CLARIFYING THE RIGHT OF MARRIED WOMEN TO RETAIN THEIR SURNAMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 370 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **10459**, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT OF MARRIED WOMEN TO RETAIN THEIR MAIDEN SURNAMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 370 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1426 with Reps. Luis N. Campos, Jr., Arlene D. Brosas, Xavier Jesus “XJ” D. Romualdo, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun, Tyrone D. Agabas, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr. and Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA**  
*Chairperson*  
Committee on Revision of Laws

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 10459**  
(In Substitution of House Bills Numbered 1426)

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Introduced by **REPS. LUIS N. CAMPOS, JR., ARLENE D. BROSAS, XAVIER JESUS "XJ" D. ROMUALDO, RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ, LAWRENCE "LAW" H. FORTUN, TYRONE D. AGABAS, JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING, GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR. AND CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA**

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

**SECTION. 1.** Article 370, Title XIII, Book III of Republic Act No. 386, as amended, otherwise known as the New Civil Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as follow:

"Article 370. A married woman may use **HER**:

[(1) Her maiden first name and surname and add her husband's surname, or

(2) Her maiden first name and her husband's surname or

(3) Her husband's full name, but prefixing a word indicating that she is his wife, such as "Mrs."]

**(1) MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND SURNAME;**

**(2) MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND SURNAME AND ADD HER HUSBAND'S SURNAME;**

**(3) MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND HER HUSBAND'S SURNAME;  
OR**

**(4) HUSBAND'S FULL NAME, BUT PREFIXING A WORD  
INDICATING THAT SHE IS HIS WIFE, SUCH AS "MRS."**

**SEC. 2.** All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

**House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

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*Committee Referral:* COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS  
*Committee Chairperson:* REP. CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide for equality between men and women before the law by allowing married women to retain their maiden surnames.

**KEY PROVISION:**

- Upholds the right of married women to retain their maiden surnames even after marriage; and
- Provides married women options in the surname that they may use after marriage.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act No. 386, otherwise known as the New Civil Code of the Philippines;
- Section 5 (d) of Republic Act No. 8239 otherwise known as the Philippine Passport Act of 1996.