AN ACT
SIMPLIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "YEAR", AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND SECTION
31 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

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

SECTION 1. Article 13, Chapter 1 of Republic Act No. 386 as amended,
otherwise known as the New Civil Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended
to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 13. When the laws speak of years, months, days
or nights, it shall be understood that years [are of three
hundred sixty-five days each:] SHALL BE RECKONED
FROM A SPECIFIC DATE OF A GIVEN YEAR TO THE
SAME DATE IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, REGARDLESS
OF NUMBER OF DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR; months, of
thirty days; days, of twenty-four hours; and nights from sunset
to sunrise.

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"x x x."

SEC. 2. Section 31 of Chapter 8, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, as
amended, is hereby amended as follows:
"SECTION 31. Legal Periods. – "Year" shall be [understood to be twelve calendar months] RECKONED FROM A SPECIFIC DATE OF A GIVEN YEAR TO THE SAME DATE IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR; "month" SHALL CONSIST of thirty days, unless it refers to a specific calendar month in which case it shall be computed according to the number of days the specific month contains; "day," to a day of twenty-four hours; and THE TERM "night," SHALL MEAN from sunset to sunrise."

SEC. 3. If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. 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regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.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. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,