HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9269

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMUALDO, SY-ALVARADO, NIETO, FARIÑAS (R.C.), GARCIA (P.J.), RODRIGUEZ, FORTUN, AGABAS, BORDADO, BROSAS AND DELOSOMONTALLA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 922

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LAWS IN THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION

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

SECTION 1. Article 2 of Republic Act No. 386, otherwise known as the "Civil Code of the Philippines," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2. Laws shall take effect [after] fifteen (15) days [following the completion of] AFTER their publication [either] IN FULL, in the PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE Official Gazette, or in the PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, unless [it] A DIFFERENT PERIOD is otherwise [provided.] PRESCRIBED TO RESPOND TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY: PROVIDED, THAT PUBLICATION IN THE ONLINE VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND THE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION SHALL INDICATE THE OFFICIAL DATE OF THE PUBLICATION.

"AS USED IN THIS ACT, THE TERM "LAWS" SHALL REFER TO:

"(1) ALL STATUTES ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES;"
“(2) ALL ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, CIRCULARS, AND
OTHER ISSUANCES PROMULGATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE POWER, AS
PROVIDED FOR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987; OR

“(3) ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED TO
IMPLEMENT OR ENFORCE STATUTES PURSUANT TO A VALID
DELEGATION OF LEGISLATIVE POWER BY THE CONGRESS OF
THE PHILIPPINES.”

SEC. 2. Section 18 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the
Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 18. When Laws Take Effect. – Laws shall take effect
after fifteen (15) days following the completion of their publication in the
PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE Official Gazette or IN THE
PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF [in] a newspaper of general
circulation, unless [it] A DIFFERENT PERIOD is otherwise [provided.]
PRESCRIBED TO RESPOND TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY."

SEC. 3. Sections 24 and 25 of the same Executive Order are hereby
amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 24. Contents. – There shall be published in the Official
Gazette, IN ITS PRINT AND ONLINE VERSION, all legislative acts and
resolutions of a public nature; all executive and administrative issuances
of general application; decisions or abstracts of decisions of the
Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, or other courts of similar rank,
as may be deemed by the said courts of sufficient importance to be so
published; such documents or classes of documents as may be required
so to be published by law; and such documents or classes of documents
as the President shall determine from time to time to have general
application or which he may BE authorized so to be published.

The publication of any law, resolution or other official documents
in the Official Gazette shall be prima facie evidence of its authority.

"SEC. 25. Editing and Publications. – The Official Gazette
shall be edited in the Office of the President and published weekly in
[Tagalog] FILIPINO or in English language IN PRINT OR THROUGH
THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE WEBSITE MANAGED BY THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT OR SUCH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR
OFFICE AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT. [It] THE PRINT
VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE shall be sold and distributed
by the National Printing Office which shall promptly mail copies thereof
to the subscribers free of postage."

SEC. 4. If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or
unconstitutional, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall
remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Executive Order No. 200, dated June 18, 1987, is hereby repealed.
Sections 18, 24 and 25 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the
Administrative Code of 1987, are hereby amended. All other 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. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,