

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 960, July 14, 1976 ]

## AMENDING ARTICLE 201 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of the State to safeguard the morality of society, particularly the youth, against the eroding influence of immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions and indecent shows;

**WHEREAS**, in order to arrest the proliferation of such doctrines, publications, exhibitions and shows, it is necessary to amend the pertinent provision of the Revised Penal Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I. FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree as part of the law of the land, the following:

**SECTION 1.** *Amendment of Article 201, Revised Penal Code.*—Article 201 of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and fifteen, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"ART. 201.** *Immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions, and indecent shows.*—The penalty of prision mayor or a fine ranging from six thousand to twelve thousand pesos, or both such imprisonment and fine, shall be imposed upon:

"1. Those who shall publicly expound or proclaim doctrines openly contrary to public morals;

"2. The authors of obscene literature, published with their knowledge in any form, the editors publishing such literature, and the owners/operators of the book store or other establishments selling the same;

"3. Those who in theaters, fairs, cinematographs or any other place, shall exhibit indecent or immoral plays, scenes, acts or shows, including the following:

"(a) Films which tend to incite subversion, insurrection or rebellion against the State;

"(b) Films tend to undermine the faith and confidence of the people in their Government and/or duly constituted authorities;

"(c) Films which glorify criminals or condone crimes; "d) Films which serve no other purpose but to satisfy the market for violence, lust or pornography;

"(e) Films which offend any race or religion;

"(f) Films which tend to abet traffic in and use of prohibited drugs;