

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 766, August 08, 1975 ]

## **AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 651, DATED JANUARY 31, 1975, ENTITLED "REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE PHILIPPINES WHICH OCCURRED FROM JANUARY 1, 1974 AND THEREAFTER" AND EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF REGISTRATION UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1975.**

**WHEREAS**, Sections 2 and 5 of Presidential Decree No. 651, requires unregistered births and deaths which occurred from January 1, 1974 up to the date when said decree becomes effective, to be registered in the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of the place where the event occurred within sixty (60) days or from March 16 to May 16, 1975, without fine or fee of any kind:

**WHEREAS**, the same sections of said decree also provide that all births and deaths occurring after the effectivity of the said decree must be registered within thirty (30) days from date of occurrence, without fee or fine of any kind;

**WHEREAS**, due to the present difficulties in the Mindanao area and the lack of facilities and communication the convey the relevance and importance of the registration to the births and deaths, there is a strong clamor for the extension, of the period for the registration of births and deaths beyond the period prescribed by P.D. 651;

**WHEREAS**, the extension of the prescribed period of registration would give more time for complete registration of births and deaths and provides reliable sources of adequate vital statistics for the country.

**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:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 651 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SECTION 2. *Period of Registration of births.***—The registration of the birth of babies referred to in the preceding Section including those unregistered births which occurred from March 17, 1975, to November 30, 1975, must be done until December 31, 1975, without fine or fee of any kind. Babies born after November 30, 1975 and thereafter, must be registered within thirty (30) days from birth without fine or fee or any kind toy the attending physician, nurse, midwife, hilot or hospital or clinic administrator or, in default of the same, by either parent or a responsible member of the family or any person who has knowledge of the birth.

"The parents or any responsible member of the family and the attendant at birth or the hospital or clinic administrator referred to above shall be jointly liable in case they fail to register the new born child. If there was no attendant at birth, or if the child was not born in a hospital or maternity clinic then the parents or responsible member of the family alone shall be primarily liable in case of failure to register the new born child."