

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10951, August 29, 2017]

AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OR THE VALUE OF PROPERTY AND DAMAGE ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED, AND THE FINES IMPOSED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED PENAL CODE", AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Article 9 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as "The Revised Penal Code", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 9. *Grave felonies, less grave felonies and light felonies.*- Grave felonies are those to which the law attaches the capital punishment or penalties which in any of their periods are afflictive, in accordance with Article 25 of this Code.

"Less grave felonies are those which the law punishes with penalties which in their maximum period are correctional, in accordance with the abovementioned article.

"Light felonies are those infractions of law for the commission of which the penalty of *arresto menor* or a fine not exceeding Forty thousand pesos (P40,000) or both is provided."

SEC. 2. Article 26 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 26. *Fine.*- *When afflictive, correctional, or light penalty.*- A fine, whether imposed as a single or as an alternative penalty, shall be considered an afflictive penalty, if it exceeds One million two hundred thousand pesos (P1, 200, 000); a correctional penalty, if it does not exceed One million two hundred thousand pesos (P1, 200, 000) but is not less than Forty thousand pesos (P40, 000); and a light penalty, if be less than Forty thousand pesos (P40, 000)."

SEC. 3. Article 114 of the same Act, as amended by Republic Act No. 7659, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 114. *Treason.*- Any Filipino citizen who levies war against the Philippines or adheres to her enemies, giving them aid or comfort within the Philippines or elsewhere, shall be punished by reclusion perpetua to death and shall pay a fine not to exceed Four million pesos (P4, 000,000).

"No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two

(2) witnesses at least to the same over act or on confession of the accused in open court.

"Likewise, an alien, residing in the Philippines, who commits acts of treason as defined in paragraph 1 of this article shall be punished by *reclusion temporal* to death and shall pay a fine not to exceed Four million pesos (P4, 000,000)."

"Light felonies are those infractions of law for the commission of which the penalty of *arresto menor* or a fine not exceeding Forty thousand pesos (P40,00) or both is provided."

SEC. 4. Article 115 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 115. *Conspiracy and proposal to commit treason; Penalty.* - The conspiracy or proposal to commit the crime of treason shall be punished respectively, by *prision mayor* and a fine not exceeding Two million pesos (P2, 000, 000), and *prision correccional* and a fine not exceeding One million pesos (P1, 000, 000)

SEC. 5. Article 129 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 129. *Search warrants maliciously obtained and abuse in the service of those legally obtained.* - In addition to the liability attaching to the offender for the commission of any other offense, the penalty of *arresto mayor* in its maximum period to *prision correccional* in its minimum period and a fine not exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000) shall be imposed upon any public officer or employee who shall procure a search warrant without just cause, or, having legally procured the same, shall exceed his authority or use unnecessary severity in executing the same."

SEC. 6. Article 136 of the same Act, as amended by Republic Act No. 6968, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 136. *Conspiracy and proposal to commit coup d'etat, rebellion or insurrection.* - The conspiracy and proposal to commit *coup d'etat* shall be punished by *prision mayor* in its minimum period and a fine which shall not exceed One million pesos (P1, 000, 000).

"The conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion or insurrection shall be punished respectively, by *prision correccional* in its maximum period and a fine which shall not exceed One million pesos (P1, 000, 000) and by *prision correccional* in its medium period and a fine not exceeding Four hundred thousand pesos (P400, 000)."

SEC. 7. Article 140 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 140. *Penalty for sedition.*- The leader of a sedition shall suffer the penalty of *prision mayor* in its minimum period and a fine not exceeding Two million pesos (P2,000, 000).

"Other persons participating therein shall suffer the penalty of *prision*

correccional in its maximum period and a fine not exceeding One million pesos (P1, 000, 000)."

SEC. 8. Article 141 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 141. Conspiracy to commit sedition. - Persons conspiring to commit the crime of sedition shall be punished by *prision correccional* in its medium period and a fine not exceeding Four hundred thousand pesos (P400,000)."

SEC. 9. Article 142 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 142. *Inciting to sedition.* - The penalty of *prision correccional* in its maximum period and a fine not exceeding Four hundred thousand pesos (P400, 000) shall be imposed upon any person who, without taking any direct part in the crime of sedition, should incite others to the accomplishment of any of the acts which constitute sedition, by means of speeches, proclamations, writings, emblems, cartoons, banners, or other representations tending to the same end, or upon any person or persons who shall utter seditious words or speeches, write, publish, or circulate scurrilous libels against the Government, or any of the duly constituted authorities thereof, or which tend to disturb or obstruct any lawful officer in executing the functions of his office, or which tend to instigate others to cabal and meet together for unlawful purposes, or which suggest or incite rebellious conspiracies or riots, or which lead or tend to stir up the people against the lawful authorities or to disturb the peace of the community, the safety and order of the Government, or who shall knowingly conceal such evil practices."

SEC. 10. Article 143 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 143. *Acts tending to prevent the meeting of Congress and similar bodies.* - The penalty of *prision correccional* or a fine ranging from Forty thousand pesos (P40, 000) to Four hundred thousand pesos (P400, 000), or both, shall be imposed upon any person who, by force or fraud, prevents the meeting of Congress or of any of its committees or subcommittees, Constitutional Commissions or committees or divisions thereof, or of any provincial board or city or municipal council or board."

SEC. 11. Article 144 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 144. *Disturbance of proceedings.* - The penalty of *arresto mayor* or a fine from Forty thousand pesos (P40, 000) to Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000) shall be imposed upon any person who disturbs the meetings of Congress or of any of its committees or subcommittees, Constitutional Commissions or committees or divisions thereof, or of any provincial board or city or municipal council or board, or in the presence of any such bodies should behave in such manner as to interrupt its proceedings or to impair the respect due it."

SEC. 12. Article 147 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 147. *Illegal associations.* - The penalty of *prision correccional* in its minimum and medium periods and a fine not exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000) shall be imposed upon the founders,

directors, and presidents of associations totally or partially organized for the purpose of committing any of the crimes punishable under this Code or for some purpose contrary to public morals. Mere members of said associations shall suffer the penalty of *arresto mayor*."

SEC. 13. Article 148 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 148. *Direct assaults*.- Any person or person who, without a public uprising, shall employ force or intimidation for the attainment of any of the purposes enumerated in defining the crimes of rebellion and sedition, or shall attack, employ force, or seriously intimidate or resist any person in authority or any of his agents, while engaged in the performance of official duties, or on occasion of such performance, shall suffer the penalty of *prision correccional* in its medium and maximum periods and a fine not exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000), when the assault is committed with a weapon or when the offender lays hand upon a person in authority. If none of these circumstances be present, the penalty of *prision correccional* in its minimum period and a fine not exceeding One hundred thousand pesos (P100, 000) shall be imposed."

SEC. 14. Article 149 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 149. *Indirect assaults*. - The penalty of *prision correccional* in its minimum and medium periods and a fine not exceeding One hundred thousand pesos (P100, 000) shall be imposed upon any person who shall make use of force or intimidation upon any person coming to the aid of the authorities of their agents on occasion of the commission of any of the crimes defined in the next preceding article."

SEC. 15. Article 150 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 150. *Disobedience to summons issued by Congress, its committees or subcommittees, by the Constitutional Commissions, its committees, subcommittees or divisions*.- The penalty of *arresto mayor* or a fine ranging from Forty thousand pesos (P40, 000) to Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000), or both such fine and imprisonment, shall be imposed upon any person who, having been duly summoned to attend as a witness before Congress, its special or standing committees and subcommittees, the Constitutional Commissions and its committees, subcommittees, or divisions, or before any commission or committee chairman or member authorized to summon witnesses, refuses, without legal excuse to obey such summons or being present before any such legislative or constitutional body or official, refuses to be sworn or placed under affirmation or to answer any legal inquiry or to produce any books, papers, documents, or records in his possession, when required by them to do so in the exercise of their functions. The same penalty shall be imposed upon any person who shall restrain another from attending as a witness, or who shall induce disobedience to summons or refusal to be sworn by any such body or official."

SEC. 16. Article 151 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 151. *Resistance and disobedience to a person in authority or the agents of such person*. - The penalty of *arresto mayor* and a fine not

exceeding One hundred thousand pesos (P100, 000) shall be imposed upon any person who not being included in the provisions of the preceding articles shall resist or seriously disobey any person in authority or the agents of such person while engaged in the performance of official duties.

"When the disobedience to an agent of a person in authority is not of a serious nature, the penalty of *arresto menor* or a fine ranging from Two thousand pesos (P2, 000) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20, 000) shall be imposed upon the offender."

SEC.17. Article 153 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 153. *Tumults and other disturbances of public order; Tumultuous disturbance or interruption liable to cause disturbance.*- The penalty of *arresto mayor* in its medium period to *prision correccional* in its minimum period and a fine not exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000) shall be imposed upon any person who shall cause any serious disturbance in a public place, office, or establishment, or shall interrupt or disturb public performances, functions or gatherings, or peaceful meetings, if the act is not included in the provisions of Articles 131 and 132.

"The penalty next higher in degree shall be imposed upon persons causing any disturbance or interruption of a tumultuous character.

"The disturbance or interruption shall be deemed to be tumultuous if caused by more than three (3) persons who are armed or provided with means of violence.

"The penalty of *arresto mayor* shall be imposed upon any person who in any meeting, association, or public place, shall make any outcry tending to incite rebellion or sedition or in such place shall display placards or emblems which provoke a disturbance of the public order.

"The penalty of *arresto menor* and a fine not to exceed Forty thousand pesos (40, 000) shall be imposed upon these persons who in violation of the provisions contained in the last clause of Article 85, shall bury with pomp the body of a person who has been legally executed."

SEC. 18. Article 154 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 154. *Unlawful use of means of publication and unlawful utterances.*- The penalty of *arresto mayor* and a fine ranging from Forty thousand pesos (P40, 000) to Two hundred thousand pesos (P200, 000) shall be imposed upon:

"1. Any person who by means of printing, lithography, or any other means of publication shall publish or cause to be published as news any false news which may endanger the public order, or cause damage to the interest or credit of the State;

"2. Any person who by the same means, or by words, utterances or