

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10655, March 15, 2015 ]**

**AN ACT REPEALING THE CRIME OF PREMATURE MARRIAGE UNDER ARTICLE 351 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE**

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

SECTION 1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Family Code on paternity and filiation, Article 351 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, punishing the crime of premature marriage committed by a woman, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(SGD.) FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.  
*Speaker of the House  
of Representatives*

(SGD.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

Senate Bill No. 1647, which was approved by the Senate on July 30, 2014, was adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 5280 by the House of Representatives on December 17, 2014.

(SGD.) MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP  
*Secretary General*

(SGD.) OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved: MAR 13 2015

(SGD.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III  
*President of the Philippines*

