

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8533, February 23, 1998]

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE I, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 39 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, NULLIFYING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR ACTION OR DEFENSES GROUNDED ON PSYCHOLOGICAL INCAPACITY

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

SECTION 1. Title I, Chapter 3, Article 39 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"TITLE I - MARRIAGE

"CHAPTER 3 - VOID AND VOIDABLE MARRIAGES

"Art. 39. The action or defense for the declaration of absolute nullity of a marriage shall not prescribe."

SEC. 2. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

(Sgd.) NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate

This Act, which originated from the Senate was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on February 11, 1998 and February 13, 1998, respectively.

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
*Secretary General House of
Representatives*

(Sgd.) HEZEL P. GACUTAN
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: February 23, 1998.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines
