

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8247, December 30, 1996]

AN ACT EXEMPTING ALIENS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED PERMANENT RESIDENCY UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 324 FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7919, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ALIEN SOCIAL INTEGRATION ACT OF 1995," AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SAID ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7919 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Coverage.* – Upon effectivity of this Act, all aliens whose stay in the Philippines is otherwise illegal under existing laws, and who have entered the country prior to June 30, 1992 are hereby granted legal residence status upon compliance with the provisions of this Act, and shall not be prosecuted for crimes defined under Commonwealth Act No. 613, otherwise known as the Immigration Act of 1940, which are inherent to illegal residence such as the absence of valid travel documents or visa: *Provided,* That in no case shall alien refugees in the Philippines be qualified to apply under this Act.

"The legal residence granted to aliens who availed of the benefits of Executive Order No. 324 is hereby affirmed and given full faith and credit.

"The bar to prosecution shall apply only to such crimes or felonies committed due to acts necessary or essential to maintain a false or fraudulent or illegal residence, such as falsification of marriage, birth or baptismal certificates or travel documents, visas or alien certificates of registration."

SEC. 2. Subsection 4.3.1. of Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"4.3.1. One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) upon filing of the registration forms with the bank plus Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) per year over a three-year period from the payment of the first installment. The subsequent three (3) installment payments should be paid within twelve (12) months from the date of the first payment without any extensions. The integration fees paid by aliens granted legal residence under Executive Order No. 324 who registered anew under the provisions of this Act shall be refunded.