

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6968, October 24, 1990 ]**

**AN ACT PUNISHING THE CRIME OF COUP D'ETAT BY AMENDING ARTICLES 134,135 AND 136 OF CHAPTER ONE, TITLE THREE OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter One, Title Three of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: "REBELLION, COUP D'ETAT, SEDITION AND DISLOYALTY".

SEC. 2. Article 134 of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Article 134. *Rebellion or insurrection. - How committed.* - "The crime of rebellion or insurrection is committed by rising publicly and taking arms against the Government for the purpose of removing from the allegiance to said Government or its laws, the territory of the Republic of the Philippines or any part thereof, of any body of land, naval or other armed forces, or depriving the Chief Executive or the Legislature, wholly or partially, of any of their powers or prerogatives."

SEC 3. Chapter One, Title Three of the Revised Penal Code is hereby further amended by adding a new article as follows:

"Article 134-A. *Coup d'etat. - How committed.* -The crime of coup d'etat is a swift attack accompanied by violence, intimidation, threat, strategy or stealth, directed against duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines, or any military camp or installation, communications networks, public utilities or other facilities needed for the exercise and continued possession of power, singly or simultaneously carried out anywhere in the Philippines by any person or persons, belonging to the military or police or holding any public office or employment, with or without civilian support or participation, for the purpose of seizing or diminishing state power."

SEC. 4. Article 135 of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Article 135. *Penalty for rebellion, insurrection or coup d'etat.* - Any person who promotes, maintains, or heads a rebellion or insurrection shall suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua*.

"Any person merely participating or executing the commands of others in