

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4709, June 18, 1966]

**AM ACT PUNISHING THE WITHHOLDING OF THE RELEASE OF
THE TEN PERCENT SHARE OF THE BARRIO IN REAL ESTATE
TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE BARRIO CHARTER.**

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act Numbered Twenty-three hundred seventy, otherwise known as the Barrio Charter, is hereby amended by inserting between Sections fifteen and sixteen thereof the following new section:

*"SEC. 15-A. Release of the ten percent share in real estate taxes Ministerial; Punishment for withholding.—*The release of the ten percent share in the real estate taxes accruing and paid for to a barrio as herein provided is declared ministerial Any officer who without legal ground shall withhold the release of such share to a barrio entitled to it on or before December thirty-one of each year and on or before June thirty of each year shall be punished with a fine of not less than fifty pesos nor more than two hundred pesos, or by imprisonment for not less than fifteen days and not more than two months, or both: *Provided, however,* That this law shall not be effective insofar as barrios where the barrio treasurers have not posted the necessary bond as required by existing laws."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 18, 1966.



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