

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 919, June 20, 1953**]

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND ONE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE, ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO CONDONE ALL UNPAID INTEREST ACCRUING FROM JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE ON ALL OBLIGATIONS OUTSTANDING ON DECEMBER EIGHT, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE, AND TO APPLY PAYMENTS OF INTEREST PAID AFTER FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE, TO THE PRINCIPAL OBLIGATION IF STILL OUTSTANDING, IN CERTAIN CASES."

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

SECTION 1. Section two (d) of Republic Act Numbered Four hundred and one is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 2. (d) When the debtor was unable to pay an obligation which became due and demandable, or the interest which should have been paid during the said period because the assets of the creditor were under the control of the enemy and/or administered through the so-called Enemy Alien Property Custodian or other enemy instrumentality, and the debtor paid the interests to it in the belief that such payment was valid and effective payment to the creditor or because of fear that failure to comply with the demand would lead to reprisals on his person or property.

"If the debtor, however, makes a voluntary payment of the entire pre-war unpaid principal obligation on or before December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, the interests on such principal obligation corresponding from January one, nineteen hundred and forty-six, to the date of payment are likewise hereby condoned."

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

Approved, June 20, 1953.



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