

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12, September 05, 1946**]

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND THREE HUNDRED SIX OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE.

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

SECTION 1. Article one hundred forty-six of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 146. *Illegal assemblies.*—The penalty of *prision correccional* in its maximum period to *prision mayor* in its medium period shall be imposed upon the organizers or leaders of any meeting attended by armed persons for the purpose of committing any of the crimes punishable under this Code, or of any meeting in which the audience is incited to the commission of the crime of treason, rebellion or insurrection, sedition or assault upon a person in authority or his agents. Persons merely present at such meeting shall suffer the penalty of *arresto mayor*, unless they are armed, in which case the penalty shall be *prision correccional*.

"If any person present at the meeting carries an unlicensed firearm, it shall be presumed that the purpose of said meeting, insofar as he is concerned, is to commit acts punishable under this Code, and he shall be considered a leader organizer of the meeting within the purview of the preceding paragraph.

"As used in this article, the word 'meeting' shall be understood to include a gathering or group, whether in a fixed place or moving."

SEC. 2. Article two hundred ninety-five of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 295. *Robbery with physical injuries committed in an uninhabited place or by a band.*—If the offenses mentioned in the next preceding article shall be committed in an uninhabited place or by a band, or by attacking a train, car, vehicle, vessel or craft, or by entering any compartment thereof or, in any manner, taking the persons therein 'by surprise in the respective conveyances, the offender shall be punished by the maximum period of the proper penalties.

"In the same cases, the penalty next higher in degree shall be imposed upon the leader of the band."

SEC. 3. Article two hundred ninety-six of the Revised Penal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: