

[Commonwealth Act No. 634, June 10, 1941]

AN ACT TO PENALIZE DISRESPECT TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ADOPT THE ORIGINAL AUTHENTIC FORM OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ITS PRINTING AND FREE DISTRIBUTION."

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. A new section is inserted between sections three and four of Commonwealth Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-two to be known as section 3-A, and to read as follows:

"SEC. 3-A. Any utterance in speech, writing or drawing, and any act or omission casting dishonor, ridicule, or contempt upon the Philippine National Anthem as well as its use in places of ill-repute or for purposes involving disrespect is prohibited and its execution shall constitute an offense; and any person who, either himself or through another, violates the provisions contained in this section, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine or not less than twenty-five nor more than one thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. For any second and additional offense, both fine and imprisonment shall always be imposed."

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

Approved, June 10, 1941.



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