



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMUALDO, ARROYO (D.), MACAPAGAL-ARROYO,  
BINAY, AGGABAO AND MACAPAGAL ARROYO, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 303

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LONGER PERIOD FOR THE  
RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE "DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998"

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 8552 is hereby amended to  
2 read as follows:  
3           "SEC. 22. *Rectification of Simulated Births.* – A person  
4 who has [, prior to the effectivity of this Act,] simulated the  
5 birth of a child shall not be punished for such act: *Provided,*  
6 That the simulation of birth was made for the best interest of the  
7 child WHO [and that he/she] has been consistently considered  
8 and treated AS THE DAUGHTER OR SON OF [by] that person [as  
9 his/her own son/daughter]: *Provided, further,* That the  
10 application for correction of the birth registration and petition  
11 for adoption shall be filed [within five (5) years from the  
12 effectivity of this Act and completed thereafter] BY

1           **DECEMBER 31, 2018:** *Provided, finally,* That such person  
2           complies with the procedure as specified in Article IV of this  
3           Act and other requirements as determined by the Department.

4           **“THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE**  
5           **NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE AND THE LOCAL**  
6           **GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS**  
7           **INFORMATION.”**

8           SEC. 2. All simulation of births done beyond the effectivity of this Act  
9           shall no longer be allowed for rectification.

10          SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the  
11          same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

12          SEC. 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and  
13          regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
14          modified accordingly.

15          SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
16          in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

          Approved,

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