



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4442

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ESCUDERO, CO, BATOCABE, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS,  
AGGABAO, GERONA-ROBREDO, ALIPING, LAGDAMEO (M.), BELLO (S.),  
SARMIENTO (C.) AND CUEVA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 215

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AN ACT MANDATING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY LOWER  
THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CRIMINAL CASES,  
WHERE THE CIVIL CASE IS SETTLED THROUGH OR BY  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9285

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

1           SECTION 1. A new section under Section 6, Chapter 1 of Republic Act  
2 No. 9285 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

3           “SEC. 6-A. *EFFECTS OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE*  
4           *RESOLUTION ON CRIMINAL CASES.* – IN CRIMINAL CASES  
5           WHERE THE CIVIL ASPECT IS SETTLED WITH FINALITY BY  
6           ADR, THE PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED SHALL BE AT LEAST TWO  
7           (2) DEGREES LOWER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY LAW. IF THE  
8           SUBJECT PENALTY CANNOT BE LOWERED BY TWO (2) DEGREES  
9           PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 61 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE  
10          (RPC), THEN THE PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED SHALL BE FROM  
11          THE MINIMUM TO THE NEXT LOWER PENALTY PRESCRIBED BY  
12          LAW.”

1           SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders and regulations  
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
3 accordingly.

4           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
5 in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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