



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ESCUDERO, MENDOZA (J.), OAMINAL AND
PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 371

AN ACT PENALIZING INFLUENCE PEDDLING

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Anti-Influence Peddling
2 Act”.

3 SEC. 2. Influence peddling refers to the act of representing oneself,
4 either orally or in writing, as being able, whether real or imagined, to
5 influence, facilitate or assist another person having some business, transaction,
6 application, request or contract with the government in which the public
7 official or employee has to intervene, in consideration of any present, gift or
8 material or pecuniary advantage.

9 SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice or
10 act of influence peddling as defined in Section 2 hereof.

11 SEC. 4. Any person who engages in influence peddling as defined by
12 this Act shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than six (6) years or a

1 fine not exceeding one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), or both, and
2 disqualification to hold public office.

3 SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision
4 to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, the remainder of the Act or
5 the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be
6 affected thereby.

7 SEC. 6. All laws, decrees and orders or parts thereof inconsistent
8 herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
10 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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