



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3828

BY REPRESENTATIVE WACNANG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 411

AN ACT ACCORDING OFFICIAL STATUS AND LEGAL
RECOGNITION TO TRIBAL PEACE PACT HOLDERS AS
PERSONS IN AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO OF ACT
NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

1 SECTION 1. Upon recognition by the members of his or her tribe and
2 upon being certified as such by the National Commission on Indigenous
3 Peoples, tribal peace pact holders are hereby accorded official status and legal
4 recognition as persons in authority.

5 As used in this Act, a "tribal peace pact holder" is a revered member of
6 a tribal community chosen by their respective tribe to represent them in the
7 forging of peace pact agreement with another tribe, and who shall faithfully
8 enforce and execute the provisions of the pact entered into by these tribes

1 within their tribal jurisdictions, with the aim of ending warfare and/or
2 maintaining peaceful relationships.

3 SEC. 2. Article One hundred and fifty two of Act Numbered Thirty-
4 Eight Hundred and Fifteen, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as
5 follows:

6 "ART. 152. *Person in Authority and Agents of Persons in*
7 *Authority. – Who shall be deemed as such. –* In applying the
8 provisions of the preceding and other articles of this Code, any
9 person directly vested with jurisdiction, whether as an individual
10 or as a member of some court or government-owned or controlled
11 corporation, board, or commission, shall be deemed a person in
12 authority. A barangay captain [and], a barangay chairman **OR A**
13 **TRIBAL PEACE PACT HOLDER IN THEIR OWN JURISDICTIONS**
14 shall also be deemed persons in authority.

15 "Any person' who, by direct provision of law or by election
16 or by appointment by competent authority, is charged with the
17 maintenance of public order and the protection and security of
18 life and property, such as a barangay councilman, barangay
19 policeman, barangay leader, officers and members of the
20 Barangay Community Brigades, and any person who comes to

1 the aid of persons in authority, shall be deemed an agent or
2 person in authority.

3 “In applying the provisions of Articles 148 and 151 of this
4 Code, teachers, professors, and persons charged with the
5 supervision of public or duly recognized private schools, colleges
6 and universities, and lawyers in the actual performance of their
7 duties or on the occasion of such performance shall be deemed
8 persons in authority.”

9 SEC. 3. All laws, decree, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith
10 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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