



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10455

BY REPRESENTATIVES DY (F.M.C), ROMUALDO, RODRIGUEZ, FORTUN,
AGABAS, BORDADO, TAMBUNTING AND DELOSO-MONTALLA, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1311

AN ACT

SIMPLIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "YEAR", AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE *NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES* AND SECTION
31 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Article 13, Chapter 1 of Republic Act No. 386 as amended,
2 otherwise known as the New Civil Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended
3 to read as follows:

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5 "ARTICLE 13. When the laws speak of years, months, days
6 or nights, it shall be understood that years [are of three
7 hundred sixty-five days each;] **SHALL BE RECKONED**
8 **FROM A SPECIFIC DATE OF A GIVEN YEAR TO THE**
9 **SAME DATE IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, REGARDLESS**
10 **OF NUMBER OF DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR;** months, of
11 thirty days; days, of twenty-four hours; and nights from sunset
12 to sunrise.

13 "x x x

14 "x x x."

15 **SEC. 2.** Section 31 of Chapter 8, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, as
16 amended, is hereby amended as follows:

17 “SECTION 31. *Legal Periods.* – "Year" shall be [understood
18 to be twelve calendar months] **RECKONED FROM A**
19 **SPECIFIC DATE OF A GIVEN YEAR TO THE SAME**
20 **DATE IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, REGARDLESS**
21 **OF NUMBER OF DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR;**
22 "month" **SHALL CONSIST** of thirty days, unless it
23 refers to a specific calendar month in which case it shall
24 be computed according to the number of days the
25 specific month contains; "day," to a day of twenty-four
26 hours; and **THE TERM** "night," **SHALL MEAN** from
27 sunset to sunrise.”

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29 SEC. 3. If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared
30 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected
31 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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33 SEC. 4. All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential
34 proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are
35 contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
36 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,