

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT
FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 70 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 70 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code,
2 as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
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4 "Art. 70. *Successive service of sentences.* - When the culprit has
5 to serve two or more penalties, he shall serve them simultaneously
6 if the nature of the penalties will so permit; otherwise, the following
7 rules shall be observed:
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9 "In the imposition of the penalties, the order of their respective
10 severity shall be followed so that they may be executed successively
11 or as nearly as may be possible, should a pardon have been granted
12 as to the penalty or penalties first imposed, or should they have been
13 served out.
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15 "For the purpose of applying the provisions of the next preceding
16 paragraph the respective severity of the penalties shall be
17 determined in accordance with the following scale:
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- 19 "Death,
- 20 "Reclusion perpetua,
- 21 "Reclusion temporal,
- 22 "Prision mayor,
- 23 "Prision correccional,
- 24 "Arresto mayor,
- 25 "Arresto menor,
- 26 "Destierro,
- 27 "Perpetual absolute disqualification,
- 28 "Temporary absolute disqualification,

1 "Suspension from public office, the right to vote and be voted for,
2 the right to follow profession or calling, and
3 "Public censure.

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5 "Notwithstanding the provisions of the rule next preceding, the
6 maximum duration of the convict's sentence shall not be more than
7 threefold the length of time corresponding to the most severe of the
8 penalties imposed upon him. No other penalty to which he may be
9 liable shall be inflicted after the sum total of those imposed equals
10 the said maximum period.

11 "[Such maximum period shall in no case exceed forty years.]

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14 "In applying the provisions of this rule the duration of perpetual
15 penalties (*pena perpetua*) shall be computed at thirty years."

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17 SEC. 2. All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, issuances, rules and
18 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
19 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,