

**Final Title**

**S. No. 209**

**FINAL ACTION:**

**R. A. No. 7104**

AN ACT

CREATING THE COMMISSION ON THE FILIPINO  
LANGUAGE, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, DUTIES  
AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mercado

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Introduced by Senator Mercado on November 23, 1987;  
Read on first reading and referred to the Committees on Education,  
Arts and Culture; and Finance on November 23, 1987;  
Returned by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture with  
**Ctte Rpt No. 329**, recommending its approval with amendments  
on September 20, 1988;  
Submitted said report to the Senate on September 21, 1988;  
Sponsor: Senator Mercado;  
Assigned for consideration by Special Order on November 12, 1990;  
Sponsorship speech by Senator Mercado on November 14, 1990;  
Interpellations by Senators Guingona, Jr., Herrera, Paterno, and  
Gonzales on November 28, 1990; Clarification and inquiry  
from the chair on November 28, 1990; Senators Pimentel, Jr.,  
Guingona, Jr., Aquino and Herrera on January 21, 1991;  
Inquiries from the chair on the same day; Senator Osmena on  
January 30, 1991;  
Period of amendments on January 30, 1991; February 5, 1991;  
Senators Angara, Aquino, Alvarez, Enrile, Estrada, Gonzales,  
Guingona, Jr., Herrera, Laurel, Lina, Jr., Maceda, Osmena,  
Paterno, Rasul, Romulo, Saguisag, Pimentel, Jr., Salonga,  
Shahani, Tamano, Tanada and Ziga were made coauthors on the  
manifestation of Senator Mercado on February 5, 1991;  
Period of amendments on February 14, 1991;  
Passed on second reading with amendments on February 14, 1991;  
Printed copies were distributed to the Senators on February 21,  
1991;  
Passed on third reading on February 27, 1991;  
In favor: (17) Angara, Aquino, Enrile, Gonzales, Guingona, Jr.,  
Herrera, Laurel, Maceda, Mercado, Osmena, Paterno, Pimentel,  
Jr., Rasul, Romulo, Saguisag, Salonga and Tanada;  
Against: N o n e;  
Abstention: N o n e;  
Sent to the House of Representatives requesting concurrence on  
February 28, 1991;  
Senate requested the House of Representatives for a conference on  
the disagreeing provisions of S.No. 209 and H.B.NO. 21280,  
designating Senators Angara, Mercado, Tanada, Guingona, Jr.,  
Rasul, Tamano, Maceda and Enrile as its conferees on March  
4, 1991;  
House of Representatives accepted the request of the Senate for a  
conference, designating as its conferees Congressmen  
Sumulong, Sr., Padilla, Lopez, Aniag, Jr., Isidro, Mastura,  
Garcia and Tirol on March 13, 1991;  
Senate designated Senators Angara, Mercado, Rasul, Herrera,  
Pimentel, Jr. and Laurel as its conferees, in lieu of the  
panel previously constituted, on March 21, 1991;  
Conference Committee recommended that the compromised Bill per  
attached copy be approved;  
Sponsorship remarks of Senator Angara on the Conference Committee  
Report on June 6, 1991;  
Senator Rasul registered her affirmation on the Report with  
reservation on June 6, 1991;  
Conference Committee Report approved by the Senate on June 6,  
1991;  
Conference Committee Report approved by the House of Represent-  
atives on June 6, 1991;  
The Bill was presented to the President of the Philippines on  
July 22, 1991;  
Approved and signed by the President of the Philippines on  
August 14, 1991;  
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