

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 09

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws on 11 OCT 2016

Re : House Bill No. 2916

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsors : Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and Evelina G. Escudero

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Revision of Laws to which was referred House Bill No. 2916, introduced by Rep. Evelina G. Escudero, entitled:

"AN ACT
INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF SLANDER BY DEED AND INCLUDING THE INTENTIONAL FILING OF A FALSE COMPLAINT IN COURT OR WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY EXERCISING QUASI-JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AS ONE OF ITS FORMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 359 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED PENAL CODE"

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment with Reps. Estrellita B. Suansing, Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Ramon V.A. Rocamora and Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas as co-authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS
Chairperson

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 2916

Approved by the Committee on 20 September 2016

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Introduced by : REPRESENTATIVES EVELINA G. ESCUDERO, ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING, MARIA VIDA ESPINOSA BRAVO, JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO, GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA, RAMON V.A. ROCAMORA AND MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

Committee Referral : Revision of Laws
Committee Chairperson : Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas

OBJECTIVE:

- To protect persons from the false accusations of others and to strengthen the protection of the integrity of persons under the Philippine law

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Penalizes the act of intentional filing of a false complaint in court or in any other government agencies exercising quasi-judicial or administrative powers
- Provides for stiffer penalty if proven that the false complaint was used as a leverage against another to gain advantage or favor

RELATED LAWS:

- Article 359 of Act No. 3815 or the Revised Penal Code