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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 115  

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on DEC 02 2019  
Re: House Bill No. 4553  
Recommend its approval without amendment  


Mr. Speaker:  

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 4553 introduced by Rep. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, entitled:  

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

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment, with Representatives Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Weslie Gatchalian, Naealla Bainto Aguinaldo, John Martin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Lianda B. Bolilia, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Henry S. Oaminal, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Tyrone D. Agabas, Peter John D. Calderon and Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga as authors thereof.  

Respectfully submitted,  

VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO III  
Chairperson  
Committee on Justice  

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
QUEZON CITY
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:

SECTION 1. Article 70 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code,
as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Art. 70. Successive service of sentences. – When the culprit has
to serve two or more penalties, he shall serve them simultaneously
if the nature of the penalties will so permit; otherwise, the following
rules shall be observed:

In the imposition of the penalties, the order of their respective
severity shall be followed so that they may be executed successively
or as nearly as may be possible, should a pardon have been granted
as to the penalty or penalties first imposed or should they have been
served out.

For the purpose of applying the provisions of the next preceding
paragraph the respective severity of the penalties shall be
determined in accordance with the following scale:

Death,
Reclusion perpetua,
Reclusion temporal,
Prision mayor,
Prision correccional,
Arresto mayor,
Arresto menor,
Destierro,
Perpetual absolute disqualification,
Temporary absolute disqualification,
Suspension from public office, the right to vote and be voted for, the right to follow profession or calling, and Public censure.

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

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

In applying the provisions of this rule, the duration of perpetual penalties (pena perpetua) shall be computed at thirty years.”

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

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

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


Committee Referral: Committees on Justice
Committee Chairperson: REP. VICENTE “CHING” S.E. VELOSO III

OBJECTIVES:

- To remove the forty (40)-year maximum period of imprisonment as provided in Art.70 of the Revised Penal Code.
- To prevent the blatant travesty of the justice system and to ensure that justice is served to the victims and their relatives.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates the deletion of the last paragraph of Art. 70 of the Revised Penal Code which provides that the maximum period of imprisonment shall in no case exceed forty (40) years.

RELATED LAWS:

- Act no. 3815 otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code
- R.A. No. 10592