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COMMITTEE REPORT NO.

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws on 922

Re : House Bill No. 9269 **April 28, 2021**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 408 and 8595

Sponsors : Representatives Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Xavier Jesus "XJ" D. Romualdo and Pablo John F. Garcia

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Revision of Laws to which were referred:

House Bill No. 408, introduced by Reps. Xavier Jesus "XJ" D. Romualdo, "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto and Ria Christina G. Fariñas, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LAWS IN THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR EFFECTIVITY"

House Bill No. 8595, introduced by Rep. John Pablo F. Garcia, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO INCLUDE THE ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF LAWS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR EFFECTIVITY"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 9269, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LAWS IN THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION"

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 408 and 8595 with Reps. Xavier Jesus "XJ" D. Romualdo, "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Ria Christina G. Fariñas, John Pablo F. Garcia, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun, Tyrone D. Agabas, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Arlene D. Brosas and Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA
Chairperson
Committee on Revision of Laws

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9269
(In Substitution of House Bills Numbered 408 and 8595)

Introduced by: **REPS. XAVIER JESUS “XJ” D. ROMUALDO, “KUYA” JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO, JOHN MARVIN “YUL SERVO” C. NIETO, RIA CHRISTINA G. FARIÑAS, PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA, RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ, LAWRENCE “LAW” H. FORTUN, TYRONE D. AGABAS, GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR., ARLENE D. BROSAS AND CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA**

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LAWS IN THE PRINT OR ONLINE
VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL
CIRCULATION

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

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

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4 **“ARTICLE. 2.** Laws shall take effect [after] fifteen (15) days [following
5 the completion of] **AFTER** their publication [either] **IN FULL**, in the
6 **PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE** Official Gazette, [or] **AND** in
7 **THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF A** newspaper of general
8 circulation in the Philippines, unless [it] **A DIFFERENT PERIOD** is
9 otherwise [provided.] **PRESCRIBED TO RESPOND TO A NATIONAL**
10 **EMERGENCY: PROVIDED, THAT PUBLICATION IN THE ONLINE**
11 **VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND THE NEWSPAPER**
12 **OF GENERAL CIRCULATION SHALL INDICATE THE OFFICIAL**
13 **DATE OF THE PUBLICATION.**

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15 **AS USED IN THIS ACT, THE TERM “LAWS” SHALL REFER TO:**

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17 **(1) ALL STATUTES ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF**
18 **THE PHILIPPINES;**

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20 **(2) ALL ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, CIRCULARS, AND**
21 **OTHER ISSUANCES PROMULGATED BY THE PRESIDENT**
22 **OF THE PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE**

1 **POWER, AS PROVIDED FOR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.**
2 **292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE**
3 **CODE OF 1987; OR**

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5 **(3) ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED TO**
6 **IMPLEMENT OR ENFORCE STATUTES PURSUANT TO A**
7 **VALID DELEGATION OF LEGISLATIVE POWER BY THE**
8 **CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES.”**

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10 **SEC. 2.** Section 18 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the
11 Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

12 **“Section 18. *When Laws Take Effect.*** - Laws shall take effect
13 after fifteen (15) days following the completion of their publication
14 in the **PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE** Official Gazette
15 [or] **AND IN THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF** [in] a
16 newspaper of general circulation, unless [it] **A DIFFERENT**
17 **PERIOD** is otherwise [provided] **PRESCRIBED TO RESPOND**
18 **TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.”**

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21 **SEC. 3.** Sections 24 and 25 of the same Executive Order are hereby
22 amended to read, as follows:

23 **“Section 24. *Contents.*** - There shall be published in the Official
24 Gazette, **IN ITS PRINT AND ONLINE VERSION**, all legislative
25 acts and resolutions of a public nature; all executive and
26 administrative issuances of general application; decisions or
27 abstracts of decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of
28 Appeals, or other courts of similar rank, as may be deemed by
29 said courts of sufficient importance to be so published; such
30 documents or classes of documents as may be required so to be
31 published by law; and such documents or classes of documents
32 as the President shall determine from time to time to have
33 general application or which he may authorize so to be
34 published.

35 The publication of any law, resolution or other official documents
36 in the Official Gazette shall be prima facie evidence of its
37 authority.”

38 **“Section 25. *Editing and Publications.*** - The Official Gazette
39 shall be edited in the Office of the President and published
40 weekly in [Pilipino] **FILIPINO** or in the English language **IN**
41 **PRINT OR THROUGH THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE WEBSITE**

1 **MANAGED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OR SUCH**
2 **OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR OFFICE AUTHORIZED**
3 **BY THE PRESIDENT. [It] THE PRINT VERSION OF THE**
4 **OFFICIAL GAZETTE** shall be sold and distributed by the
5 National Printing Office which shall promptly mail copies thereof
6 to subscribers free of postage.”

7 **SEC. 4.** If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or
8 unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain
9 in full force and effect.

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11 **SEC. 5.** Executive Order No. 200, dated June 18, 1987, is hereby repealed.
12 Sections 18, 25 and 26 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the
13 Administrative Code of 1987 are hereby amended. All other laws, acts, presidential
14 decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and
15 regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the
16 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

17 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
18 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,

House of Representatives Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS
Committee Chairperson: REP. CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA

OBJECTIVE:

- To simplify and easily publish laws through online versions of the Official Gazette and of a newspaper of general circulation.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Includes online versions of the Official Gazette and newspapers of general circulation as means of publication of laws for their effectivity;
- Stipulates that a different period in the effectivity of laws may be prescribed to respond to a national emergency;
- Requires that the publication in the online version of the Official Gazette and the newspaper of general circulation shall indicate the official date of the publication;
- Defines the meaning of laws that need publication;

- Provides that the publication of the Official Gazette shall be in print or through the Official Gazette website managed by the Office of the President or its duly authorized government agency;

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 386, otherwise known as the New Civil Code of the Philippines;
- Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987;