

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1707, August 08, 1980]

AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 971 dated July 27, 1976 among other things, established an improved disciplinary system of the Integrated National Police;

WHEREAS, in the course of the enforcement of said Presidential Decree No 971, it has been observed that there is a need for additional amendments to further strengthen said disciplinary system and attain fully the objectives thereof;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that immediate appropriate measures be taken to inculcate a deeper sense of discipline among the members of the Integrated National Police which will strengthen the people's faith in the law-enforcement agencies:

WHEREAS, Commanders of the Integrated National Police resort to disciplinary powers to instill discipline among the ranks; however, it is observed that for the more serious instances of police offenses, the existing disciplinary powers are inadequate to meet the necessity for prompt and effective discipline;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby inserted in Presidential Decree No. 971 a new Section to be known as Section 5-A which shall read as follows:

"SECTION 5-A. Power of the Commanders of the Integrated National Police to place any member in confinement or in restriction. — Any sub-Station and District Commander, Provincial Police Superintendent or Officers holding equivalent Commands, the Regional Director of the Integrated National Police including the Director of the Metropolitan Police Force and the Director General of the Integrated National Police shall, as circumstances may require, have the power to place in confinement or in restriction in their respective station/headquarters any member of the Integrated National Police who is charged, has committed, is complained of or suspected of having committed any crime or offense, for the purpose of insuring the presence of such member during the trial of the case, and preventing him from further committing any other crime or offenses in the meantime; unless the order of confinement or restriction is lifted by proper authority; *Provided, however,* that in case of an order of confinement of a member of the Integrated National Police pursuant to the provisions of this Section without a formal charge having been filed with the proper court at the same time, a written report shall be immediately forwarded to the Director General, Integrated National Police stating the facts circumstances and the reasons therefor.

Any person placed in confinement or under restriction pursuant to the provisions of this Section, who shall escape from confinement or breaks his restriction whether before or after trial or sentence thereof or before he is released therefrom by proper