

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1203, September 27, 1977**]

FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 285 AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 400.

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 285 as amended, authorizes the compulsory licensing or reprinting of educational, scientific or cultural books and materials as a temporary or emergency measure whenever the prices thereof become so exorbitant as to be detrimental to the national interest; and

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to provide effective controls or safeguards against any abuses of the rights of foreign or domestic authors and publishers and so as not to deprive them of the returns of their works or investments ;

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:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 285 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 400 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. I.-(I) Whenever the price of any textbook or reference book duly prescribed by the curriculum and certified by the registrar of the school or university or college, whether of domestic or foreign origin, has become so exorbitant as to be detrimental to the national interest, as determined and declared by a Reprint Committee composed of the Secretary of Education and Culture as Chairman, and the Director General of the National Economic Development Authority, the Chairman of the Textbook Board and of the Director of the National Library as members, such book or other written material may be reprinted by the government or by a printer under the following conditions:

"(a) That a particular title may be reprinted by only one private publisher or printer authorized by the Reprint Committee ;

"(b) That anyone wishing to undertake the reprinting shall file an application with the National Library containing the following information: the title, author and original publisher of the book or other written material to be reprinted; its foreign list price in case of a Philippine book; the proposed list price of the reprinted matter; the name of the actual printer; the number of copies to be reprinted; and the name and address of the applicant. An application for each subsequent reprinting shall likewise be filed and copies thereof furnished to local representatives of the foreign publishers;

"(c) That the successful applicant shall accomplish the reprinting within sixty days from the date of approval of the application. If the reprinting shall not have been done in that time, the title may be applied for by other interested parties.

"(2) Exorbitant price shall mean not less than Thirty Five Pesos (P35.00). unit otherwise increased by the Reprint Committee.