

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 942, June 10, 1976 ]

## AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE ON CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

**WHEREAS**, it is primary goal of the martial law administration to restore peace, order and normalcy to Philippine conditions as early as possible;

**WHEREAS**, the attainment of this goal is greatly hampered by certain elements of society who continue to pursue acts and engage in activities destructive to the stability and security of the State;

**WHEREAS**, there is a pressing need to strengthen and re-enforce the continuing campaign against subversion by increasing the penalties for crimes against public order and by treating as distinct other offenses committed in the course of the commission of such crimes;

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

**SECTION 1.** Article one hundred and thirty-five of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and fifteen, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**"ART. 135. *Penalty for rebellion or insurrection.***—Any person who promotes, maintains, or heads a rebellion or insurrection, or who, while holding any public office or employment takes part therein, engaging in war against the forces of the Government, destroying property or committing serious violence, exacting contributions or diverting public funds from the lawful purpose for which they have been appropriated, shall suffer the penalty of *reclusion temporal* in its medium period and a fine not to exceed 20,000 pesos.

"Any person merely participating or executing the commands of others in a rebellion shall suffer the penalty of *reclusion temporal* in its minimum period.

"When the rebellion or insurrection shall be under the command of unknown leaders, any person who in fact directed the others, spoke for them, signed receipts and other documents issued in their name, or performed similar acts, on behalf of the rebels shall be deemed the leader of such rebellion."

**SEC. 2.** Article one hundred and thirty-six of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"ART. 136. *Conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion or insurrection.***—The conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion or insurrection shall be punished, respectively, by *prision mayor* in its maximum period and a fine which shall not exceed 5,000 pesos, and by *prision mayor* in its medium period and a fine not exceeding 2,000 pesos."

**SEC. 3.** Article one hundred and thirty-seven of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows: