

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 598, December 03, 1974]

**AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 433 ENTITLED,
"GRANTING GENERAL AMNESTY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS
TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND OTHER PERSONS FOR VIOLATION OF
ELECTION LAWS AND OTHER RELATED STATUTES IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION OF 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971
AND THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION."**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 433 dated April 8, 1974, granting general amnesty under certain conditions to violators of election laws and under related statutes applies only to: (1) Those "facing charges" and (2) "All public school teachers, other government officials and employees, members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines," not including other persons outside of the government service;

WHEREAS, there are valid reasons to broaden the limited applicability of Presidential Decree No. 433 so as to include the following: (1) other persons who may not necessarily be public school teachers, other government employees, members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; (2) persons who have been sentenced under final judgment, including those who have already served the penalties imposed upon them but are still subject to accessory penalties; (3) persons involved in the violation of laws relative to the election of barrio or barangay officials; and (4) persons involved in the violation of decrees relative to the national referendum of July 27-28, 1973, not previously entitled to amnesty; and

WHEREAS, broadening the scope of amnesty would correspondingly strengthen the government's moral posture vis-a-vis the "continuing effort of the leadership to heal the wounds inflicted in the past and to provide a fresh start for all concerned to help build the New Society;"

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:
SECTION 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 433 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. General Amnesty is hereby granted to all public school teachers, other government officials and employees, members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and other persons facing charges or who have been sentenced under final judgment including those who have already served the penalties imposed upon them, for violation of election laws or other related statutes in connection with the elections of 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, and the election of Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, all the barrio or barangay elections, and the referendum of July 27-28, 1973, subject to the conditions provided in the succeeding section."

SEC. 2. A new section shall be inserted between Sec. 3 and Sec. 4 to be known as "Sec. 3-A" and shall read as follows: