

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5467, May 12, 1969**]

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLES THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, (RE: OTHER FORMS OF ARSON.)

SECTION 1. Article Three hundred twenty-one of Act numbered thirty-eight hundred and fifteen is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 321. *Other forms of arson.*—When the "arson consists in the burning of other property and under the circumstances given hereunder, the offender shall be punished:

"1. By *reclusion temporal* to *reclusion perpetua*: (a) If the offender shall set fire to any building, farmhouse, warehouse, hut, shelter, or vessel in port, knowing it to be occupied at the time by one or more persons;

(b) If the building burned is a public building and the value of the damage caused exceeds 6,000 pesos;

(c) If the building burned is a public building and the purpose is to destroy evidence kept therein to be used in instituting prosecution for the punishment of violators of the law, irrespective of the amount of the damage;

(d) If the building burned is a public building and the purpose is to destroy evidence kept therein to be used in any legislative, judicial or administrative proceedings, irrespective of the amount of the damage: *Provided, however,* That if the evidence destroyed is to be used against the defendant for the prosecution of any crime punishable under existing laws, the penalty shall be *reclusion perpetua*;

(e) If the arson shall have been committed with the intention of collecting under an insurance policy against loss or damage by fire.

"2. By *reclusion temporal*:

(a) If an inhabited house or any other building in which people are accustomed to meet is set on fire, and the culprit did not know that such house or building was occupied at the time, or if he shall set fire to a moving freight train or motor vehicle, and the value of the damage caused exceeds 6,000 pesos;

(b) If the value of the damage caused in paragraph (b) of the preceding subdivision does not exceed 6/000 pesos;

(c) If a farm, sugar mill, cane mill, mill central, bamboo groves, or any similar plantation is set on fire, and