

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1535, June 16, 1956]

**AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS ONE, TWO, THREE AND FOUR OF
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT,
ENTITLED "AN ACT TO DECLARE ILLEGAL THE POSSESSION,
SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF FISH OR OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS
STUPEFIED, DISABLED OR KILLED BY MEANS OF DYNAMITE OR
OTHER EXPLOSIVE OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR."**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Sections one, two, three and four of Republic Act Numbered Four hundred and twenty-eight are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to possess, sell or distribute, in any place and manner, fish or other aquatic animals stupefied, disabled or killed by means of dynamite or other explosive or toxic substances.

"Any fisherman who possesses, sells or distributes fish or other aquatic animals found to have been so stupefied, disabled or killed, shall be presumed *prima facie* to have knowledge of such fact.

"SEC. 2. Any person violating the provision of section one hereof shall be penalized as follows:"

"(a) If the total value of all the fish or other aquatic animals in possession, sale or distribution does not exceed one hundred pesos, by a fine of not less than one hundred pesos nor more than five hundred pesos, or by imprisonment of not less than one month nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court;

"(b) If the total value of all the fish or other aquatic animals in possession, sale or distribution exceeds one hundred pesos, by a fine of not less than two hundred pesos nor more than one thousand pesos, or by imprisonment of not less than two months nor more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court."

"SEC. 3. Any person who buys or receives fish or other aquatic animals knowing the same to have been stupefied, disabled or killed in violation