

BASELINE STUDY OF THE CODIFICATION AND REVISION STATUS OF PHILIPPINE CRIMINAL, CIVIL, AND COMMERCIAL LAW

A. CRIMINAL LAW

a. Background

The criminal law foundation of the Philippines is Spanish in origin. The first codified criminal law came in the form of the 1987 Spanish *Codigo Penal*.¹ The Spanish *Codigo Penal* became the basis of the Old Penal Code which was promulgated in the Philippines through a royal decree dated 5 September 1884. This Old Penal Code took effect on July 14, 1887 after its publication in the *Gaceta De Manila* and continued to be enforced after the Americans took over the Philippines in 1898.² This old Code was amended several times until the late 1920s when it was deemed time to enact a new code that would be appropriate for that time period. Building on the old Code, work began on a new code, named the Revised Penal Code. The Revised Penal Code was enacted on December 8, 1930 and came into force on January 1, 1932. Since 1932, it has undergone 102 amendments.

These amendments took effect through the following laws:

No.	Law	Title	Year
1	R.A. No. 11362	An Act Authorizing The Court To Require Community Service In Lieu Of Imprisonment For The Penalties Of Arresto Menor And Arresto Mayor, Amending For The Purpose Chapter 5, Title 3, Book I Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As "The Revised Penal Code"	2019
2	R.A. No. 10951	An Act Adjusting The Amount Or The Value Of Property And Damage On Which A Penalty Is Based, And The Fines Imposed Under The Revised Penal Code, Amending For The Purpose Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known As "The Revised Penal Code," As Amended	2017
3	R.A. No. 10667	An Act Providing For A National Competition Policy Prohibiting Anti-Competitive Agreements, Abuse Of Dominant Position And Anti-Competitive Mergers And Acquisitions, Establishing The Philippine Competition Commission And Appropriating Funds Therefor	2015

¹ Jose Javier, *A Short Study of the Philippine Revised Code*, 14 PHIL. L.J. 161 (1934).

² *Id.*

4	R.A. No. 10655	An Act Repealing The Crime Of Premature Marriage Under Article 351 Of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code	2015
5	R.A. No. 10592	An Act Amending Articles 29, 94, 97, 98 And 99 Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code	2013
6	R.A. No. 10591	An Act Providing For A Comprehensive Law On Firearms And Ammunition And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof	2013
7	R.A. No. 10364	An Act Expanding Republic Act No. 9208, Entitled "An Act To Institute Policies To Eliminate Trafficking In Persons Especially Women And Children, Establishing The Necessary Institutional Mechanisms For The Protection And Support Of Trafficked Persons, Providing Penalties For Its Violations And For Other Purposes"	2013
8	R.A. No. 10175	An Act Defining Cybercrime, Providing For The Prevention, Investigation, Suppression And The Imposition Of Penalties Therefor And For Other Purposes	2012
9	R.A. No. 10159	An Act Amending Article 39 Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code	2012
10	R.A. No. 10158	An Act Decriminalizing Vagrancy, Amending For This Purpose Article 202 Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code	2012
11	R.A. No. 9372	An Act To Secure The State And Protect Our People From Terrorism	2007
12	R.A. No. 9346	An Act Prohibiting The Imposition Of Death Penalty In The Philippines	2006
13	R.A. No. 9344	An Act Establishing A Comprehensive Juvenile Justice And Welfare System, Creating The Juvenile Justice And Welfare Council Under The Department Of Justice, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes	2006
14	R.A. No. 9262	An Act Defining Violence Against Women And Their Children, Providing For Protective Measures For Victims, Prescribing Penalties Therefor, And For Other Purposes	2004
15	R.A. No. 9208	An Act To Institute Policies To Eliminate Trafficking In Persons Especially Women And Children, Establishing The Necessary Institutional Mechanisms For The Protection And Support Of Trafficked Persons, Providing Penalties For Its Violations, And For Other Purposes	2003

16	R.A. No. 9165	An Act Instituting The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act Of 2002, Repealing Republic Act No. 6425, Otherwise Known As The Dangerous Drugs Act Of 1972, As Amended, Providing Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes," otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002	2002
17	R.A. No. 9160	An Act Defining The Crime Of Money Laundering, Providing Penalties Therefor And For Other Purposes	2001
18	R.A. No. 8353	An Act Expanding The Definition Of The Crime Of Rape, Reclassifying The Same As A Crime Against Persons, Amending For The Purpose Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code And For Other Purposes	1997
19	R.A. No. 8293	An Act Prescribing The Intellectual Property Code And Establishing The Intellectual Property Office, Providing For Its Powers And Functions, And For Other Purposes	1997
20	R.A. No. 8177	An Act Designating Death By Lethal Injection As The Method Of Carrying Out Capital Punishment, Amending For The Purpose Article 81 Of The Revised Penal Code, As Amended By Section 24 Of Republic Act No. 7659	1996
21	R.A. No. 7890	An Act Amending Article 286, Section Three, Chapter Two, Title Nine Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code	1995
22	R.A. No. 7659	An Act To Impose The Death Penalty On Certain Heinous Crimes, Amending For That Purpose The Revised Penal Code, As Amended, Other Special Penal Laws, And For Other Purposes	1993
23	R.A. No. 7658	An Act Prohibiting The Employment Of Children Below 15 Years Of Age In Public And Private Undertakings, Amending For This Purpose Section 12, Article VIII Of R.A. 7610	1993
24	R.A. No. 7610	Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act	1992
25	R.A. No. 6968	An Act Punishing The Crime Of Coup D'état By Amending Articles 134, 135 And 136 Of Chapter One, Title Three Of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code, And For Other Purposes	1990
26	E.O. No. 272	Further Amending Article 125 Of The Revised Penal Code, As Amended	1987
27	E.O. No. 214	Further Amending Article 29 Of The Revised Penal Code, As Amended	1987

28	E.O. No. 191	Modifying Executive Order No. 59	1987
29	E.O. No. 187	Repealing Presidential Decrees Nos. 38, 942, 970, 1735, 1834, 1974, And 1996 And Articles 142-A And 142-B Of The Revised Penal Code And Restoring Articles 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 177, 178, And 179 To Full Force And Effect As They Existed Before Said Amendatory Decrees	1987
30	E.O. No. 62	Increasing The Penalties Provided For By Article 235 Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, The Revised Penal Code, On The Maltreatment Of Prisoners	1986
31	E.O. No. 59	Repealing Presidential Decrees Nos. 1404, 1836, 1877 And 1877-A	1986
32	P.D. No. 1996	Further Amending Presidential Decree No. 1834 As Amended	1985
33	P.D. No. 1974	Amending Presidential Decree No. 1834	1985
34	B.P. No. 873	An Act Amending Article 152 Of The Revised Penal Code By Considering Lawyers As Persons In Authority When In The Performance Of Their Duties Or On The Occasion Thereof	1985
35	B.P. No. 871	An Act Amending Articles Two Hundred Ten And Two Hundred Eleven Of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code, As Amended, To Increase The Penalty For The Offense Of Bribery	1985
36	P.D. No. 1877	Providing For The Issuance Of A Preventive Detention Action And For Other Purposes	1983
37	B.P. No. 186	An Act Increasing The Penalty For White Slave Trade, Amending For The Purpose Article 341 Of The Revised Penal Code	1982
38	P.D. No. 1834	Increasing The Penalties For The Crime Of Rebellion, Sedition, And Related Crimes, And Amending For This Purpose Articles 135, 136, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146 And 147 Of The Revised Penal Code And Adding Article 142-B Thereto	1981
39	B.P. No. 92	An Act Modifying The Definition Of The Crime Of Corruption Of Minors And Increasing The Penalty Therefor, Amending For The Purpose Article Three Hundred Forty Of The Revised Penal Code	1980
40	B.P. No. 85	An Act Authorizing The Release Of Any Offender Or Accused Who Has Undergone Preventive Imprisonment Equal To Or More Than The Possible Maximum Imprisonment To	1980

		Which He May Be Sentenced By Amending The Revised Penal Code	
41	P.D. No. 1744	Amending Article Three Hundred And Twenty Of The Revised Penal Code Provisions On Arson	1980
42	P.D. No. 1735	Imposing Additional Penalties For Rebellion, Insurrection, Sedition And Subversion Committed Within Or Outside Philippine Territory	1980
43	P.D. No. 1613	Amending The Law On Arson	1979
44	P.D. No. 1602	Prescribing Stiffer Penalties On Illegal Gambling	1978
45	P.D. No. 1535	Extending The Period Within Which To Conform With The Zoning Requirements, Prescribed By Presidential Decree No. 449, Otherwise Known As The "Cockfighting Law Of 1974"	1978
46	P.D. No. 1404	Further Amending Article 125 Of The Revised Penal Code As Amended	1978
47	P.D. No. 1310	Amending Presidential Decree No. 449, Otherwise Known As "The Cockfighting Law Of 1974"	1978
48	L.O.I. No. 816	To Exclude Certain Prohibited Games Under Presidential Decree No. 1602	1979
49	B.P. No. 71	An Act Further Amending Article 310 Of The Revised Penal Code	1980
50	P.D. No. 1689	Increasing The Penalty For Certain Forms Of Swindling Or Estafa	1980
51	B.P. No. 22	An Act Penalizing The Making Or Drawing And Issuance Of A Check Without Sufficient Funds Or Credit And For Other Purposes	1979
52	P.D. No. 1210	Amending Certain Provisions Of Chapter Three, Title Eight Of Presidential Decree Numbered Six Hundred And Three As Amended Otherwise Known As The Child And Youth Welfare Code And For Other Purposes	1977
53	P.D. No. 1179	Amending Certain Provisions Of Chapter Three, Title Eight Of Presidential Decree Numbered Six Hundred And Three Otherwise Known As The Child And Youth Welfare Code And For Other Purposes	1977
54	P.D. No. 970	Amending Articles 138 And 142 Of The Revised Penal Code And For Other Purposes	1976
55	P.D. No. 969	Amending Certain Provisions Of Presidential Decree No. 960 Which Amended Article 201 Of The Revised Penal Code And For Other Purposes	1976
56	P.D. No. 960	Amending Article 201 Of The Revised Penal Code And For Other Purposes	1976
57	P.D. No. 942	Amending The Provisions Of The Revised Penal Code On Crimes Against Public Order	1976

58	P.D. No. 818	Amending Article 315 Of The Revised Penal Code By Increasing The Penalties For Estafa Committed By Means Of Bouncing Checks	1975
59	P.D. No. 767	Amending Article 294(2) Of The Revised Penal Code	1975
60	P.D. No. 603	The Child And Youth Welfare Code	1974
61	P.D. No. 483	Penalizing Betting, Game-Fixing Or Point Shaving And Machinations In Sports Contests	1974
62	P.D. No. 449	Cockfighting Law Of 1974	1974
63	P.D. No. 38	Amending Articles 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 177, 178 And 179 Of The Revised Penal Code	1972
64	R.A. No. 6425	The Dangerous Drugs Act Of 1972	1972
65	R.A. No. 6127	An Act Amending Article Twenty-Nine Of The Revised Penal Code To Give Full Time Credit Under Certain Conditions To Offenders Who Have Undergone Preventive Imprisonment (Detention Prisoners) In The Service Of Their Sentences	1970
66	R.A. No. 5467	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)	1969
67	R.A. No. 5465	An Act Amending Article 39 Of Act No. 3815 (Revised Penal Code) Increasing The Rate Per Day Of Subsidiary Penalty From Two Pesos And Fifty Centavos To Eight Pesos	1969
68	R.A. No. 5438	An Act Amending Subparagraph Twenty Of Article Fourteen Of The Revised Penal Code	1968
69	R.A. No. 4885	An Act To Amend Section Two, Paragraph (d), Article Three Hundred Fifteen Of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code (re: issuance of checks)	1967
70	R.A. No. 4661	An Act Shortening The Prescriptive Period For Libel And Other Similar Offenses, Amending For The Purpose Article Ninety Of The Revised Penal Code	1966
71	R.A. No. 4363	An Act To Further Amend Article Three Hundred Sixty Of The Revised Penal Code	1965
72	R.A. No. 4202	An Act To Amend Article One Hundred Sixty-Three Of The Revised Penal Code	1965
73	R.A. No. 4111	An Act To Amend Further Article Three Hundred And Thirty-Five Of The Revised Penal Code (Re: Rape)	1964
74	R.A. No. 2632	An Act To Amend Article Three Hundred And Thirty-Five Of The Revised Penal Code (Re: Rape)	1960

75	R.A. No. 2060	An Act Amending Article One Hundred And Ninety Of The Revised Penal Code, So As To Include Marijuana And Similar Drugs Among The Prohibited Drugs	1958
76	R.A. No. 1978	An Act To Amend Article One Hundred Fifty-Two Of The Revised Penal Code, As Amended	1957
77	R.A. No. 1956	An Act Amending Article One Hundred And Eighty-Six Of The Revised Penal Code, Concerning Monopolies And Combinations In Restraint Of Trade	1957
78	R.A. No. 1790	An Act To Amend Article Three Hundred And Sixty-Five Of The Revised Penal Code Re Penalty For Reckless Imprudence	1957
79	R.A. No. 1289	An Act To Amend Article Three Hundred Sixty Of The Revised Penal Code By Amending The Third Paragraph Thereof	1955
80	R.A. No. 1084	An Act To Amend Section Two Hundred And Sixty-Seven Of The Revised Penal Code	1954
81	R.A. No. 1083	An Act To Amend Article One Hundred And Twenty-Five Of Act Numbered Thirty Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code As Amended, By Extending The Period Of Legal Detention In Certain Cases	1954
82	R.A. No. 1060	An Act Increasing The Penalty For The Crime Of Malversation Of Public Funds Or Property, By Amending Article Two Hundred Seventeen Of The Revised Penal Code	1954
83	R.A. No. 384	An Act To Amend The Fifth Paragraph Of Article Three Hundred And Sixty-Five Of The Revised Penal Code	1949
84	R.A. No. 379	An Act To Amend Article One Hundred And Seventy-Seven Of The Revised Penal Code	1949
85	R.A. No. 373	An Act Increasing The Penalty In Certain Cases Of Robbery, By Amending Article Two Hundred Ninety-Five Of The Revised Penal Code	1949
86	R.A. No. 172	An Act To Amend Articles One Hundred Eighty-Eight And One Hundred Eighty-Nine Of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code, And For Other Purposes	1947
87	R.A. No. 120	An Act Amending Article Three Hundred And Ten Of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code, As Amended	1947
88	R.A. No. 47	An Act To Amend Article Eighty Of The Revised Penal Code, As Amended	1946

89	R.A. No. 18	An Act To Amend Articles Sixty-Two, Two Hundred And Sixty-Seven, Two Hundred And Sixty-Eight, Two Hundred And Seventy, Two Hundred And Seventy-One, Two Hundred And Ninety-Four, And Two Hundred And Ninety-Nine Of The Revised Penal Code	1946
90	R.A. No. 12	An Act Amending Articles One Hundred Forty-Six, Two Hundred Ninety-Five, Two Hundred Ninety-Six And Three Hundred Six Of The Revised Penal Code	1946
91	C.A. No. 578	An Act To Amend Article One Hundred Fifty-Two Of The Revised Penal Code, So As To Include Teachers, Professors, And Persons Charged With The Supervision Of Public Or Duly Recognized Private Schools, Colleges, And Universities, Within The Term "Persons In Authority"	1940
92	C.A. No. 417	An Act Increasing The Penalty For Robbery Or Theft Of Mail Matter, By Amending Articles Three Hundred Two, And Three Hundred Ten, As Amended, Of The Revised Penal Code	1939
93	C.A. No. 264	An Act To Amend Articles One Hundred And Forty-Three, One Hundred And Forty-Four, And One Hundred And Forty-Five of the Revised Penal Code	1938
94	C.A. No. 217	An Act To Amend Articles Sixty-One, Seventy, And Seventy One Of The Revised Penal Code	1936
95	C.A. No. 202	An Act Amending Articles One Hundred And Thirty-Nine, One Hundred And Forty-Two And One Hundred And Fifty-Four Of Act Numbered Three Thousand Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Known As The Revised Penal Code Of The Philippine Islands	1936
96	C.A. No. 157	An Act Amending Article Three Hundred And Fifteen, Paragraph Two, of the Revised Penal Code	1936
97	C.A. No. 99	An Act To Amend Article Eighty of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Entitled "An Act Revising The Penal Code And Other Penal Laws," As Amended By Act Numbered Forty-One Hundred And Seventeen	1936
98	C.A. No. 52	An Act Amending Article One Hundred And Fifty Of The Revised Penal Code	1936
99	Act No. 4117	An Act To Amend The First Paragraph Of Article Eighty of the Revised Penal Code	1933
100	Act No. 4116	An Act To Amend Certain Headings Of Title Four, Book One, Of The Revised Penal Code	1933

101	Act No. 4000	An To Act Amend Article Forty-Eight Of Act Numbered Thirty-Eight Hundred And Fifteen, Entitled "An Act Revising The Penal Code And Other Penal Laws	1932
102	Act No. 3999	An Act Amending Article Three Hundred And Twenty-Nine of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippine Islands	1932

Aside from the Revised Penal Code, the other sources of criminal law in Philippine jurisdiction are special penal laws passed by the Philippine Congress, such as the *Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002* or Republic Act No. 9165 and the *Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004* or Republic Act No. 9262, and penal laws called presidential decrees issued by then President Marcos during the Martial Law period in Philippine history³ as well as penal laws called executive orders issued by then President Aquino during the transition from Martial Law to the current Philippine Constitution. As of March 3, 2020, there are 1,865 total special penal laws, including laws with penal provisions.

b. Existing Bills

Legislative bills continue to be filed in the present 18th Congress seeking to amend or repeal various provisions of the Revised Penal Code. There are a total of 86 of these bills pending before the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines. The titles of these bills are as follows:

No.	Title/Short Title of the Proposed Act
SBN-1853	An Act Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape and Other acts of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation to Protect Children and Amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 3815, as Amended,
SBN-1531	An Act Defining the Offenses of Discharge of Firearms and Indiscriminate Firing of Firearms and Providing Stiffer Penalties Therefor, Amending for the Purposes Article 254 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, and Republic Act No. 10591, Otherwise Known as the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act
SBN-1447	An Act Extending the Prescriptive Period of Offenses Under the Violence Against Women and their Children Act, the Crime of Rape and the Crimes Characterized as Crimes Against Chastity under Title Eleven of the Revised Penal Code, Amending for the Purpose Section Twenty-Four of Republic Act No. 9262, Otherwise Known as the "Anti-Violence

³ LUIS REYES, THE REVISED PENAL CODE 1 (2012 ed.).

	Against Women and their Children Act of 2004," and Article 90 of the Revised Penal Code, as Amended.
SBN-1410	An Act Repealing Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code
SBN-1354	An Amending Articles 183 and 184 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-1330	An Amending Article 183 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-1258	An Act Providing Stronger Protection to Children by Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape and Other Acts of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and Amending for this Purpose Act No. 3815, as Amended, Also Known as the Revised Penal Code, Republic Act No. 8353, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Rape Law of 1997 and Republic Act No. 7610, Also Known as the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act
SBN-1234	Reimposition of Death Penalty Act of 2019
SBN-1034	Further Amending Republic Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-1003	An Act Amending Articles 29, 97, 98, and 99 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, and for Other Purposes
SBN-998	An Act Amending Articles 97 and 99 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-995	An Act Amending Articles 29, 97, 99, 171, and 174, and Creating a New Article 99-A Under Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code"
SBN-974	An Act Defining Good Conduct, Instituting Additional Measures for the Implementation of Good Conduct Time Allowance, Amending for this Purpose Articles 97 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-785	The Anti-Prostitution Act of 2019
SBN-780	An Act Amending Article 14 of the Revised Penal Code to Add, as an Aggravating Circumstance, the Crime Having Been Committed Against Lawyers and Justice Sector Officials
SBN-774	An Act Raising the Age of Consent and Amending for this Purpose Article 226 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-763	An Act Ensuring the Fundamental Equality of Men and Women on Laws Relating to Crimes Against Chastity, An Act Amending for this Purpose Article 333 and Repealing Article 333 of Act 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, and for Other Purposes
SBN-762	An Act Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape to Provide Stronger Protection for Children, and Amending for This Purpose Act No. 3815, also Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-739	An Act Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape to Provide Stronger Protection for Children, and Amending for This Purpose Act No. 3815, also Known as the Revised Penal Code

SBN-722	An Act Providing for Stiffer Penalties for Wilful or Indiscriminate Discharge of Firearms, Amending for the Purpose Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-628	An Act Repealing Article 133 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-622	Increasing the Age of Consent to Provide a Stronger Protection to Children, and Amending for this Purpose Article 266-A(1)(d) of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
SBN-617	Anti-Marital Infidelity Act
SBN-501	The Anti-Prostitution Act
SBN-416	An Act Redefining Adultery, Further Amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, as Amended
SBN-382	An Act to Impose the Death Penalty on the Heinous Crime of Rape with Homicide, Amending for that Purpose the Revised Penal Laws, as amended, and for other Purposes
SBN-381	An Act to Impose the Death Penalty on the Heinous Crime of Kidnapping, Amending for the Purpose the Revised Penal Laws, as Amended, and for other Purposes
SBN-373	Anti-Perjury Act of 2019
SBN-305	An Act Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape to Provide Stronger Protection for Children, and Amending for this Purpose Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, as Amended by Republic Act 8353, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Rape Law of 1997
SBN-28	An Act to Amend Articles 180, 183 and 184 of Section Two, Chapter Two, Title Four of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, as Amended
SBN-8	An Act Increasing the Penalty for the Crime of Perjury, Amending for the Purpose Article 184 of the Revised Penal Code, and for Other Purposes
HBN-148	An Act Expanding the Coverage of, and Impsing Stiffer Penalties for, the Crime of Revelation of Secrets, Amending for the Purpose articles 291 and 292 of act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code"
HBN-155	An Act Proposing Amendments to Sections 181, 182, and 183 of the Revised Penal Code, Otherwise Known as An Act Revising the Penal Code and Other Penal Laws (Act No. 3815)
HBN-210	Age of Statutory Rape and Other Sexual Abuse Act
HBN-577	Anti-Marital Infidelity Act
HBN-607	An Act Defining the Offenses of Discharge of Firearms and Indiscriminate Firing of Firearms and Providing Stiffer Penalties Therefor, Amending for the Purpose Article 254 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code", and Republic Act No. 10591, Otherwise Known as "The Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act"

HBN-1060	An Act Imposing Stiffer Penalties for Falsification of Certificates of Land Title or Any Application, Deed, Instrument or Supporting Document, Reasonably Connected with and Calculated to Cause the Issuance of a Certificate of Land Title, Classifying the Same as a Heinous Offense Involving Economic Sabotage if the Value or Aggregate Value of the Land is at Least Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00), Amending for the Purpose Articles 171 and 172 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as, The Revised Penal Code and for Other Purposes
HBN-1141	An Act Repealing Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code
HBN-1144	An Act Decriminalizing Adultery and Concubinage, Repealing for this Purpose Articles 333 and 334 of the Revised Penal Code
HBN-1149	The Anti-Prostitution Act of 2019
HBN-1380	Death Penalty Law
HBN-1588	Death Penalty Law
HBN-1614	An Act Granting Good Conduct Time Allowance to Prisoners Who Participate in Literacy, Skills and Values Development Programs in Penal Institutions, Amending for the Purpose Article 97 of Republic Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-1653	An Act Prescribing a Higher Penalty for Persons in Authority as Accessories, who Directly Cause or Order the Destruction or Concealment of Vital Evidence for Heinous Crimes, Amending for the Purpose Article 19 of the Revised Penal Code
HBN-1689	An Act Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape to Provide Stronger Protection for Children, and Amending for this Purpose Act No. 3815, as Amended, Also Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-1746	An Act Granting Good Conduct Time Allowance to Prisoners Who Participate in Literacy, Skills and Values Development Programs in Penal Institutions, Amending for the Purpose Article 97 of Republic Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-1835	An Act to Abolish the Penalty of Imprisonment in Libel Cases, Amending for the Purpose, Articles 355, 357, and 360 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code and for other Purposes
HBN-2070	An Act Exempting Church Ministers, Priests, Rabbis and Imams from Securing Government License to Solemnize Marriage, Further Amending Executive Order No. 209 Otherwise Known as the Family Code of the Philippines, Act No. 3815 Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, Act No. 3753, An Act to Establish a Civil Registrar, and National Statistics Office Administrative Order No. 1, and for Other Purpose
HBN-2092	Death Penalty Law
HBN-2194	An Act Including Acts Committed on Account of Road Rage in the Aggravating Circumstances, Amending for the Purpose Article 14 of Republic Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines
HBN-2335	The Anti-Prostitution Act

HBN-2560	An Act Declaring Robbery in Banks, Government Financing Institutions, Pawnshops and Other Entities or Facilities Offering Loans or Credit and Other Finance-Related Services a Heinous Crime, Amending for the Purpose the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
HBN-2600	An Act Prescribing Stiffer Penalties for the Crimes of Delivering Prisoners from Jail and Infidelity in the Custody of Prisoners, Amending for the Purpose Articles 156, 223, and 224 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code of the Philippines"
HBN-2707	Age of Statutory Rape and Acts of Sexual Abuse Act
HBN-3128	Death Penalty Law
HBN-3166	An Act Amending Article 152 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as "The Revised Penal Code", by Including Security Guards of Duly Accredited Security Agencies While on Official Duty as Agents of Persons in Authority
HBN-3231	An Act Amending Section 54, Chapter 8, Subtitle A, Title I, Book V, of Executive Order No. 292, Also Known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, Adding as Prohibition or Disqualification from Appointment or Designation in Any Public Office the Conviction or Sanction in any Court, Tribunal or Body Pending Appeal of Conviction where the Penalty Imposed Includes Temporary or Perpetual Disqualification
HBN-3256	Death Penalty Law
HBN-3455	An Act Decriminalizing Libel, Repealing for the Purpose Articles 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 360, 361, and 362 of Act No. 3815 as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-3775	An Act Qualifying the Killing of Members of Broadcast and Print Media in the Lawful Exercise of their Functions as such, as a Crime of Murder Punishable Under Article 248 of the Revised Penal Code, as Amended.
HBN-3989	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, Redefining the Crime of Adultery and Concubinage and Providing Penalties thereof
HBN-4160	An Act Providing Stronger Protection to Children by Increasing the Age for Determining Statutory Rape and Other acts of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and Amending for this Purpose Act No. 3815, as Amended, Also Known as the Revised Penal Code, Republic Act no. 8353, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Rape Law of 1997 and Republic Act No. 7610, Also Known as the Special Protection of Children against Abuse, Exploitation and Discriminatory Act
HBN-4383	An Act Further Amending Article 97 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, in Order to Clarify the Legislative Intention of Republic Act No. 10592 Excluding Recidivists, Habitual Delinquents, Escapees and Persons Convicted of Heinous Crimes from Enjoying the Benefits of Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) Under Article 97 of Said Act

HBN-4449	An Act Increasing the Age of Sexual Consent for Stronger Protection of Children and Amending for the Purpose Article 266-A(d) of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-4456	An Act Defining Good Conduct, Instituting Additional Measures for the Implementation of Good Conduct Time Allowance, Amending for this Purpose Articles 97 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-4553	An Act Amending Article 70 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-4628	An Act Rationalizing the Grant of Good Conduct Allowances, Amending for the Purpose Articles 29, 97 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-4715	An Act Further Amending Articles 29, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-4743	Death Penalty Law
HBN-4822	An Act Further Amending Article 97 of the Revised Penal Code to Exclude Persons Convicted of Heinous Crimes from the Application of Good Conduct Time Allowance
HBN-4894	An Act Defining Good Conduct, and Providing Conditions in the Grant of Good Conduct Time Allowance, Further Amending for the Purpose Article 97 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code," as Amended by Republic Act No. 10592
HBN-4964	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10592 Entitled "Ac Act Amending Articles 29, 94, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code"
HBN-5170	An Act Repealing Article 133 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code", and for Other Purposes
HBN-5351	An Act Further Amending Articles 29, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-5713	An Act Providing as Aggravating Circumstance When the Victim of a Crime is a Senior Citizen and Mitigating Circumstance When The Offender is a Senior Citizen and Amending for the Purpose Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-5795	Age of Statutory Rape and Other Sexual Abuse Act
HBN-5821	An Act Amending Articles 171 and 172 of Republic Act. 3815 Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, Imposing Stiffer Penalties for Falsification of Certificates of Land Title or any Application, Deed, Instrument or Supporting Document, Reasonably Connected with the Title, Classifying the Same as a Heinous Offense Involving Economic Sabotage if the Value or Aggregate Value of the Land is at Least Ten Million Pesos (P 10,000,000.00)
HBN-6073	Age of Statutory Rape and Other Sexual Abuse Act
HBN-6123	An Act Defining the Offenses of Discharge of Firearms and Indiscriminate Firing of Firearms and Providing Stiffer Penalties Therefor, Amending for the Purpose Article 254 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code", and Republic

	Act No. 10591, Otherwise Known as the "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act"
HBN-6273	An Act Amending the Revised Penal Code's Article 315 to Include Willful Non-Payment of Correctly Imposed Public Transportation Fees as a Mode of Committing Estafa
HBN-6378	An Act Amending Articles 183 and 184 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-6482	An Act Increasing the Penalties for Criminal Negligence Involving Motor Vehicles, Amending for this Purpose Article 365 of the Revised Penal Code
HBN-6737	An Act Designating Security Guards of Duly Accredited Agencies as Agents of Persons in Authority While Engaged in the Performance of Official Duties, Amending for the Purpose Article 152 of Act No. 3815 Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-6825	An Act Amending Articles 183 and 184 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-7159	An Act Defining and Penalizing the Crime of Staged Kidnapping and Detention, Amending for the Purpose Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-7668	An Act Amending Articles 183 and 184 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
HBN-7836	An Act Providing for Stronger Protection Against Rape and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Increasing the Age for Determining the Commission of Statutory Rape, Amending for the Purpose Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Revised Penal Code," and Republic Act No. 7510, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act"

c. Ongoing Codification Efforts

Since 2014, codification efforts on the Revised Penal Code is being undertaken by the University of the Philippines Law Center (U.P. Law Center), through the Institute of Government and Law Reform (Institute). The U.P. Law Center recognized that extensive revisions to the entire Revised Penal Code, which was enacted 90 years ago, are necessary to make it more responsive to the present needs of Philippine society. The U.P. Law Center Code of Crimes Revision Committee (“CoC Committee”) was thus constituted to propose revisions to the nine decades old Revised Penal Code and to update it based on present jurisprudence and the numerous special penal laws enacted by Congress throughout the years. The Committee is composed of former Presiding Justice Edilberto G. Sandoval, Court of Appeals Associate Justice Mario V. Lopez, former Sandiganbayan Associate Justice Rodolfo G. Palattao, former Special Prosecutor Dennis M. Villa-Ignacio, Vice-President for Legal Affairs of the U.P. System Hector Danny D. Uy, former Dean of the U.P. College of Law Bartolome S. Carale, Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali (Rep. Umali) and Rep. Ramon V. Rocamora (Rep. Rocamora). Over time, the Committee has also invited experts in the field of criminal law to assist it in its revision work. Among such experts who have

lent their expertise and provided invaluable assistance to the Committee are Supreme Court Associate Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo and former Ombudsman Simeon V. Marcelo, to name a few.

The Revised Penal Code is composed of two Books. In 2017, the Institute transmitted a complete draft of Book One of the Code of Crimes to the House of Representatives Committee on Justice (HOR-CoJ), which, at that time, was headed by Rep. Umali. He, together with Rep. Rocamora and several other members of the Committee on Justice, sponsored the draft in the House of Representatives, where it was filed as House Bill No. 6204. The Committee thereafter continued with its work and commenced revising Book Two of the RPC.

The following year, the HOR-CoJ and the U.P. Law Center entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated 27 February 2018 to produce Book Two of the Revised Penal Code. Due to political developments in the latter part of 2018, the HoR-CoJ became busy and was only able to work on Crimes Against Property by the end of 2018.

For its part, the UP Law Center's CoC Committee continued its revision work on the Revised Penal Code. Since the signing of the MoA until October 2020, the Committee has covered the entire Book One of the Revised Penal Code and 231 out of 252 total provisions in Book Two.

B. CIVIL LAW

a. Background

Like its criminal law, the civil law of the Philippines is of Spanish heritage. The first codified civil law that was applied to the country is the *Codigo Civil*, extended to the Philippines by Spain through a royal decree dated 31 July 1889.⁴ It came into force on 7 December 1889 after publication in the *Gaceta de Manila*. The *Codigo Civil* remained in effect in the Philippines after control of the country was ceded by Spain to the United States. Almost six decades later or on 20 March 1947, President Manuel Roxas, the leader of a then newly independent Philippines, issued a presidential directive to form a Code Commission to formulate a Philippine Civil Code. The Code Commission submitted its draft more than two years later. This draft was subsequently filed as a legislative bill. The bill was enacted by Congress on 18 June 1949 as Republic Act (R.A.) No. 386 and took effect on 30 August 1950. R.A. No. 386 was named the "Civil Code of the Philippines".⁵

Many provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines, particularly on persons and family relations, were amended by Executive Order No. 209, signed into law by President Corazon Aquino on July 6, 1987 and took effect a year later on August 3, 1988. This law became the Family Code of the Philippines. The draft of the Family Code was the result of two successive codification committees constituted by the U.P. Law Center and chaired

⁴ Ruben Balane, *The Spanish Antecedents of the Philippine Civil Code*, 54 PHIL. L.J. 1 (1979).

⁵ *Id.*

by two civil law experts, Florida Ruth Romero and Jose Benedicto Luna Reyes, both of whom became Justices of the Philippine Supreme Court. The Civil Code of the Philippines and the Family Code of the Philippines, which substantially amended and repealed parts of the Civil Code, together form the bedrock of Philippine civil law.

Aside from the Family Code, the following laws amended a few provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines:

No.	Law	Title	Remarks	Year
1	P.D. No. 603	The Child And Youth Welfare Code	In relation to Art. 40-43 and to the Concurrence of Compulsory Heirs and their Corresponding Legitimes in Art. 888-890 of the Civil Code	1974
2	R.A. No. 6809	An Act Lowering The Age Of Majority From Twenty-one To Eighteen Years, Amending For The Purpose Executive Order Numbered Two Hundred Nine, And For Other Purposes		1989
3	R.A. No. 8552	An Act Establishing The Rules And Policies On The Domestic Adoption Of Filipino Children And For Other Purposes	In relation to Concurrence of Compulsory Heirs and their Corresponding Legitimes in Art. 888-890	1998
4	R.A. No. 9048	An Act Authorizing The City or Municipal Civil Registrar or The Consul General To Correct a Clerical or Typographical Error in an Entry and/or Change of First Name or Nickname in the Civil Register Without Need of A Judicial Order, Amending For This Purpose Articles 376 And 412 Of The Civil Code Of The Philippines.		2001

The Family Code was likewise amended several times. These amendatory laws are:

No.	Law	Title	Remarks	Year
1	R.A. No. 6809	An Act Lowering The Age Of Majority From Twenty-one To Eighteen Years, Amending For The Purpose Executive Order Numbered		1989

		Two Hundred Nine, And For Other Purposes		
2	R.A. No. 9858	An Act Providing For The Legitimation Of Children Born To Parents Below Marrying Age, Amending For The Purpose The Family Code Of The Philippines, As Amended		2009
3	R.A. No. 8552	An Act Establishing The Rules And Policies On The Domestic Adoption Of Filipino Children And For Other Purposes	In relation to Title VII of the Family Code	1998
4	R.A. No. 8043	An Act Establishing The Rules To Govern Inter-country Adoption Of Filipino Children, And For Other Purposes	In relation to Title VII of the Family Code	1995
5	R.A. No. 112222	An Act Allowing the Rectification of Simulated Birth Records and Prescribing Administrative Adoption Proceedings for the Purpose	In relation to Title VII of the Family Code	2019
6	R.A. No. 9231	An Act Providing For The Elimination Of The Worst Forms Of Child Labor And Affording Stronger Protection For The Working Child, Amending For This Purpose Republic Actno. 7610, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The "Special Protection Of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation And Discrimination Act	Sec. 12-B and 12-C in relation to Parental Authority in Art. 225-227 of the Family Code	2003
7	R.A. No. 9255	An Act Allowing Illegitimate Children To Use The Surname Of Their Father, Amending For The Purpose Article 176 Of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The "Family Code Of The Philippines		2004
8	P.D. No. 965	A Decree Requiring Applicant For Marriage License To Receive Instructions On Family	In relation to Art. 3 of the Family Code	1976

		Planning And Responsible Parenthood		
10	R.A. No. 9262	An Act Defining Violence Against Women And Their Children, Providing For Protective Measures For Victims, Prescribing Penalties Therefore, And For Other Purposes	Sec. 19 in relation to Art. 58 on Legal Separation	2004
11	R.A. No. 10572	An Act Establishing The Liability Of The Absolute Community Or Conjugal Partnership For An Obligation Of A Spouse Who Practices A Profession And The Capability Of Either Spouse To Dispose Of An Exclusive Property Without The Consent Of The Other Spouse, Amending For The Purpose Articles 73 And 111 Of Executive Order No. 209, Also Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines		2013
12	R.A. No. 8533	An Act Amending Title I, Chapter 3, Article 39 Of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines, Nullifying the Prescriptive Period for Action or Defenses Grounded on Psychological Incapacity		1998

b. Existing Bills

Congressional bills seeking to amend certain provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines have been filed before the 18th Congress. These bills, presently pending before both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines, are as follows:

No.	Title/Short Title of the Proposed Act
HBN-00347	An Act Repealing Article 891 Or The Reserva Troncal Of Republic Act No. 386, Otherwise Known As The Civil Code Of The Philippines
HBN-00408	An Act Amending Article 2 Of Republic Act No. 386, Otherwise Known As The Civil Code Of The Philippines, By Providing For The Publication Of Laws In The Print Or Online Version Of The Official Gazette Or In A Newspaper Of General Circulation In The Philippines, As A Requirement For Their Effectivity

HBN-01426	An Act Clarifying The Right Of Married Women To Retain Their Surnames, Amending For The Purpose Article 370 Of Republic Act No. 386, Otherwise Known As The Civil Code Of The Philippines
HBN-2691	An Act Amending Title X, Funerals, Article 305 Of Republic Act No. 386, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Civil Code Of The Philippines
HBN-4001	An Act To Change The Definition Of "Years," Amending Section 13 Of The Civil Code Of The Philippines And Section 31 Of The Revised Administrative Code Of 1987
HBN-07094	An Act Adjusting The Minimum Amount For Death Indemnity, Moral And Exemplary Damages Under Republic Act No. 386 Or The Civil Code Of The Philippines
HBN-07584	An Act Adjusting The Minimum Amount For Death Indemnity, Moral And Exemplary Damages Under Republic Act No. 386 Or The Civil Code Of The Philippines
SBN-1276	An Act Adjusting The Minimum Amount For Death Indemnity, Moral And Exemplary Damages Under Republic Act No. 386 Or The Civil Code Of The Philippines
SBN-459	Amending R.A. No. 386 To Set The Minimum Amount Of Death Indemnity To P50,000.00

Legislative bills to amend provisions of the Family Code are also pending in both Houses of the 18th Congress. These bills are:

No.	Title/Short Title of the Proposed Act
HBN-00096	An Act Authorizing The City Or Municipal Civil Registrar, Or The Consul General, To Update In The Civil Register The Civil Status Of A Filipino Spouse Who Was Validly Divorced By A Foreign Spouse, Without The Need Of A Judicial Order
HBN-00100	An Act Instituting Absolute Divorce And Dissolution Of Marriage In The Philippines
HBN-00838	An Act Introducing Divorce In The Philippines
HBN-02263	An Act Instituting Absolute Divorce And Dissolution Of Marriage In The Philippines
HBN-01578	An Act Legalizing Church Annulment Or Dissolution Of Certain Marriages And For Other Purposes
HBN-04833	An Act Amending Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines, On The Property Relations Between Husband And Wife, And On Support, And For Other Purposes
HBN-00502	An Act Amending Title I, Chapter 3, Of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines, Prescribing Additional Ground For Annulment
HBN-01143	An Act Expanding The Grounds For Legal Separation, Amending For The Purpose Article 55 Of The Family Code Of The Philippines
HBN-01147	An Act Amending Title VI Of E.O. 209 As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Family Code By Removing And/Or Erasing Classification Between Legitimate, Illegitimate And Legitimated (Filiation Of) Children, And For Other Purposes
HBN-02070	An Act Exempting Church Ministers, Priests, Rabbis And Imams From Securing Government License To Solemnize Marriage, Further Amending Executive Order No. 209 Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines, Act No. 3815 Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code Of The Philippines, Act No. 3753,

	An Act To Establish A Civil Registrar, And National Statistics Office Administrative Order No. 1, And For Other Purpose
HBN-02262	An Act Providing For The Regime Of Complete Separation Of Property As The Governing Regime In The Absence Of A Marriage Settlement Or When The Regime Agreed Upon Is Void, Amending For The Purpose Articles 75 And 147 Of Title Iv Of Executive Order No. 209, As Amended By Executive Order No. 277, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines
HBN-02642	An Act Elevating The Status Of The Children Born Out Of Wedlock, Amending For This Purpose Article 177 Of Executive Order 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines
HBN-05487	An Act Allowing The Foreign Decree Of Dissolution Of Marriage To Be Registered With The Philippine Civil Registry Even In The Absence Of A Judicial Recognition To That Effect, Amending For The Purpose Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines
HBN-05511	An Act Amending Sec. 14 Of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines, As Amended By Executive Order No. 227
HBN-06394	An Act Granting Members Of The House Of Representatives The Authority To Solemnize Marriage, Amending For The Purpose Title I, Chapter 1, Article 7 Of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines
HBN-07042	An Act Amending Articles 2, 3, 6 And 10 Of Executive Order No. 209, Or The Family Code Of The Philippines, And For Other Purposes
HBN-07500	An Act Amending Executive Order No. 209, S. 1987, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines, Insofar As Reclassifying Legitimate Children Into Children Born Within Wedlock And Illegitimate Children Into Children Born Out Of Wedlock, And For Other Purposes
SBN-504	An Act Recognizing The Civil Effects Of Church Annulment Decree
SBN-67	Recognizing Divorce/Foreign Decree Of Termination Of Marriage

c. Existing Codification Efforts

Since 2019, there have been congressional calls to recodify the civil laws of the Philippines. In the present 18th Congress, the U.P. Law Center was requested by the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Revision of Laws, to be part of an institutional effort to recodify Philippine civil laws. Two bills, House Bill No. 01550 authored by Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr. (Rep. Garbin) and Rep. Elizaldy S. Co (Rep. Co), calls for the creation of a civil code commission under the supervision and control of the Office of the President. House Bill No. 02764, authored by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, proposes the creation of a code commission for the civil code and all other areas of Philippine law. The title of these two bills are as follows:

No.	Title/Short Title of the Proposed Act
HBN-01550	An Act Creating A Civil Code Commission To Implement The Re-codification Of All Existing Civil Laws Of The Philippines, Defining Its Composition And Functions, And Appropriating Funds Therefor
HBN-02764	An Act Creating The Code Commission Of The Philippines To Review And Codify Philippine Laws And Appropriating Funds Therefor

C. COMMERCIAL LAW

a. Background

Philippine commercial law, like criminal law and civil law, has Hispanic roots.⁶ However, unlike the original Spanish criminal and civil codes which have been entirely superseded, portions of Spain's Code of Commerce or *Codigo de Comercio* remain in force today.⁷ The Code of Commerce of Spain was extended to the Philippines by Spain in 1988.⁸ It was introduced to the Philippines by virtue of a royal decree issued on August 6, 1886 and came into effect after it was published in the *Gacetas de Manila* in 1988.⁹ While portions of the Code of Commerce continue to be in force to this day, the evolution of Philippine commercial law, compared to Philippine criminal and civil laws, diverged the most from its Spanish origins. American common law doctrines and principles determined the subsequent evolution of Philippine commercial law through jurisprudence and legislation.¹⁰

In addition to the relevant provisions of the Code of Commerce that are still in force today,¹¹ there are twenty-seven other commercial laws that make up the entire corpus of present-day Philippine commercial law. These laws are as follows:

1. Pres. Decree No. 612 (1974) as amended by Rep. Act No. 10607 (2013) or **The Insurance Code**
2. Rep. Act No. 9829 (2009) or the **Pre-Need Code of the Philippines**
3. Act No. 2616 (1914) or **The Salvage Law**
4. Commonwealth Act No. 65 (1936) (Public Act No. 521) or the **Carriage of Goods by Sea Act**
5. Commonwealth Act No. 146 (1936) or the **Public Service Act**
6. Rep. Act No. 10668 (2015) or the **Allowing Foreign Vessels to Transport and Rep. Co-Load Foreign Cargoes for Domestic Transshipment**
7. Rep. Act No. 11232 (2019) or the **Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines**
8. Rep. Act No. 7042 (1991) as amended by Rep. Act No. 8179 (1996) or the **Foreign Investments Act of 1991**
9. Rep. Act No. 7652 (1993) or the **Investors' Lease Act**
10. Rep. Act No. 7916 (1995) as amended by Rep. Act No. 8748 (1999) or the **The Special Economic Zone Act of 1995**
11. Exec. Order No. 65 (2018) or the **Eleventh Regular Foreign Investment Negative List**
12. Rep. Act No. 8799 (2000) or the **The Securities Regulation Code**
13. Rep. Act No.1405 (1955) as amended or the **Law on Secrecy of Bank Deposits**

⁶ Ruben Balane, *The Spanish Roots of Philippine Law* (2018), available at <http://revista-estudios.revistas.deusto.es/article/viewFile/1451/1749>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Charles Summer Lobinger, *Codification in the Philippines – Uniting the Civil and Commercial Codes*, 10 J. Soc. COMP. Legis. n.s. 239 (1909).

⁹ Eugenio Olmeda Peralta, *Relations Between the Spanish and Philippine Commercial Codes*, at <https://www.eumed.net/libros-gratis/2015/1458/commercial-codes.htm> (last visited Oct. 23, 2020).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ As well as international conventions to which the Philippines is a signatory such as the 1929 Warsaw Convention or the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage By Air.

14. Rep. Act 3591 (1963), as amended or the **Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation Act**
15. Rep. Act No. 3765 (1963) or the **Truth in Lending Act**
16. Rep. Act No. 7653 (1993) as amended by Rep. Act No. 11211 (2019) or the **The New Central Bank Act**
17. Rep. Act No. 8791 (2000) or the **The General Banking Law of 2000**
18. Rep. Act No. 9474 (2007) as amended by Rep. Act No. 10881 (2016) or the **Lending Company Regulation Act of 2007**
19. Rep. Act No. 8293 (1997) as amended by: Rep. Act No. 9150 (2001); Rep. Act No. 9502 (2008); and Rep. Act No. 10372 (2013) or the **Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines**
20. Rep. Act No. 623 (1951) as amended by Rep. Act No. 5700 (1969) or the **Use of Duly-Stamped and Marked Containers**
21. IPOPHL Memorandum Circular No. 011-17 (2017) or the **Philippine Regulations Implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of 2017**
22. Act No. 3135 (1924) as amended by Act No. 4118 (1933) or the **Real Estate Mortgage Law**
23. Rep. Act No. 9160 (2000) as amended by Rep. Act No. 9194 (2003) and Rep. Act No. 10365 (2013) or the **Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2000**
24. Rep. Act No. 10142 (2010) or the **Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act of 2010**
25. Rep. Act No. 10173 (2012) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations or the **Data Privacy Act of 2012**
26. Rep. Act No. 11057 (2018) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations or the **Personal Property Security Act**
27. Rep. Act No. 10667 (2015) Implementing Rules and Regulations or the **Philippine Competition Act**

Amendments have already been successfully introduced to these special commercial laws. The amendments, if any, to each of these laws are as follows:

No.	Law	Title	Amend-ments	Title	Year
1	P.D. No. 612	The Insurance Code	R.A. No. 10607	An Act Strengthening the Insurance Industry, Further Amending Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known as "The Insurance Code", as Amended by Presidential Decree Nos. 1141, 1280, 1455, 1460, 1814 and 1981, and Batas Pambansa Blg. 874, and for Other Purposes	2013

			B.P. No. 874	An Act Amending Certain Sections of Presidential Decree Numbered Fourteen Hundred and Sixty, Otherwise Known as The Insurance Code of 1978	1985
			P.D. No. 1814	Amending Certain Sections of Presidential Decree No. 1460, Otherwise Known as The Insurance Code	1981
			P.D. No. 1280	Amending Title 17, Chapter III, of Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known as The Insurance Code, on the Mutualization of Stock Life Insurance Companies	1978
			P.D. No. 1460	A Decree to Consolidate and Codify All the Insurance Laws of the Philippines	1978
			P.D. No. 1455	Amending Certain Sections of Presidential Decree No. 612 Otherwise Known as The Insurance Code	1978
			P.D. No. 1141	Amending Section 249, Title 15, Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known as The Insurance Code	1977
2	R.A. No. 9829	Pre-Need Code of the Philippines	None		
3	Act No. 2616	The Salvage Law	None		
4	C.A. No. 65	Carriage of Goods by Sea Act	None		
5	C.A. No. 146	Public Service Act	R.A. No. 3792	An Act to Amend Sections Four, Five, Six, Ten, and Forty of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred Forty-Six, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, and for Other Purposes	1963

			R.A. No. 2677	An Act to Amend Sections Two, Three, Four, Ten, Thirteen, and Fourteen of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred Forty-Six, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, and for Other Purposes	1960
			R.A. No. 1270	An Act to Amend Section Thirteen of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred and Forty-Six, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Four Hundred and Fifty-Four	1955
			R.A. No. 723	An Act to Amend Sections Three, Four and Thirty-Two of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred and Forty-Six, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act	1952
			R.A. No. 178	An Act to Amend Certain Sections of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred Forty-Six, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, so as to Increase the Number of Commissioners in the Public Service Commission and to Create an Office to be Known as the Office of the People's Counsel in the Public Service Commission	1947
			C.A. No. 454	An Act to Amend Various Sections of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred and Forty-Six, Known as the Public Service Act	1939
6	Code of Commerce	Maritime Commerce Law	None		

7	Warsaw Convention	Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage By Air	None		
8	R.A. No. 10668	Allowing Foreign Vessels to Transport and Rep. Co-Load Foreign Cargoes for Domestic Transshipment	None		
9	R.A. No. 11232	Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines	None		
10	R.A. No. 7042	Foreign Investments Act of 1991	R.A. No. 8179	An Act to Further Liberalize Foreign Investments, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7042, and for Other Purposes	1996
11	R.A. No. 7652	Investors' Lease Act	None		
12	R.A. No. 7916	The Special Economic Zone Act of 1995	R.A. No. 8748	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7916, Otherwise Known as the "Special Economic Zone Act Of 1995"	1999
13	E.O. No. 65	Eleventh Regular Foreign Investment Negative List	None		
14	R.A. No. 8799	The Securities Regulation Code	None		
15	R.A. No. 1405		R.A. No. 7653	The New Central Bank Act (repealed PD 1792)	1993

		Law on Secrecy of Bank Deposits	P.D. No. 1792	Amending Republic Act No. 1405	1972
16	R.A. No. 3591	Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation Act	R.A. No. 10846	An Act Enhancing the Resolution and Liquidation Framework for Banks, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 3591, as Amended, and Other Related Laws	2016
			R.A. No. 9576	An Act Increasing the Maximum Deposit Insurance Coverage, and in Connection Therewith, to Strengthen the Regulatory and Administrative Authority, and Financial Capability of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC), Amending for this Purpose Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the PDIC Charter, and for Other Purposes	2009
			R.A. No. 9302	An Act Amending Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Charter of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation" and for Other Purposes	2004
			R.A. No. 7400	An Act Further Amending Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Charter of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, and for Other Purposes	1992

			P.D. No. 1897	Amending Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, as Amended, Entitled "An Act Establishing the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, Defining its Powers and Duties and for Other Purposes"	1984
			P.D. No. 1451	Amending Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, as Amended, Entitled "An Act Establishing the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, Defining its Powers and Duties and for Other Purposes"	1978
			P.D. No. 120	Amending Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, as Amended, Entitled "An Act Establishing the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, Defining its Powers and Duties and for Other Purposes"	1973
			R.A. No. 6037	An Act to Amend Certain Sections of Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety One Entitled "An Act Establishing the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, Defining its Powers And Duties and for Other Purposes"	1969
17	R.A. No. 3765	Truth in Lending Act	None		
18	R.A. No. 7653	The New Central Bank Act	R.A. No. 11211	An Act Amending Republic Act Number 7653, Otherwise Known as "The New Central Bank Act", and for Other Purposes	2019

19	R.A. No. 8791	The General Banking Law of 2000	None		
20	R.A. No. 8474	Lending Company Regulation Act of 2007	R.A. No. 10881	An Act Amending Investment Restrictions in Specific Laws Governing Adjustment Companies, Lending Companies, Financing Companies and Investment Houses Cited in the Foreign Investment Negative List and for Other Purposes	2016
21	R.A. No. 8293	Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines	R.A. No. 10372	An Act Amending Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 8293, Otherwise Known as the "Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines", and for Other Purposes	2013
			R.A. No. 9502	An Act Providing for Cheaper and Quality Medicines, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code, Republic Act No. 6675 or the Generics Act Of 1988, and Republic Act No. 5921 or the Pharmacy Law, and for Other Purposes	2008
			R.A. No. 9150	An Act Providing for The Protection of Layout-Designs (Topographies) of Integrated Circuits, amending for the Purpose Certain Sections of Republic Act No. 8293, Otherwise Known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines and for Other Purposes	2001
22	R.A. No. 623	Use of Duly-Stamped and Marked Containers	R.A. No. 5700	An Act Amending Certain Sections of Republic Act Numbered Six Hundred Twenty-Three as to Include the Containers of Compressed Gases Within the Purview of the Said Act.	1969

23	IPOPHL Memo. Circ. 011-17	Philippine Regulations Implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of 2017	None		
24	Act No. 3135	Real Estate Mortgage Law	Act No. 4118	An Act to Amend Act Numbered Thirty-One Hundred and Thirty-Five, Entitled "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Property Under Special Powers Inserted in or Annexed to Real-Estate Mortgages."	1933
25	R.A. No. 9160	Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2000	R.A. No. 10927	An Act Designating Casinos as Covered Persons Under Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001", as Amended	2017
			R.A. No. 10365	An Act Further Strengthening the Anti- Money Laundering Law, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001", as Amended	2013
			R.A. No. 10167	An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Law, amending for the Purpose Sections 10 and 11 of Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the "Anti-Money Laundering Act Of 2001", as Amended, and for Other Purposes	2012

			R.A. No. 9194	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the 'Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001'	2003
26	R.A. No. 10142	Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act of 2010	None		
27	R.A. No. 10173	Data Privacy Act of 2012	None		
28	R.A. No. 11057	Personal Property Security Act	None		
29	R.A. No. 10667	Philippine Competition Act	None		

b. Existing Bills

There are pending bills before both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines seeking to amend some of these special commercial laws. These bills are:

Law	Title	Bill No.	Title/Short title of the proposed Act
P.D. No. 612	The Insurance Code	HBN-00149	An Act Increasing the Total Indemnity Claim for Death or Serious Physical Injury to Any Passenger or Third Party Without the Necessity of Proving Fault or Negligence, Amending for the Purpose Section 378 of The Insurance Code of the Philippines
		HBN-01699	An Act Increasing the Total Indemnity Claim for Death or Serious Physical Injury to Any Passenger or Third Party Without the Necessity of Proving Fault of Negligence, Amending for the Purpose Section 378 of The Insurance Code of the Philippines
		HBN-05996	An Act Further Amending Sections 101 (A) (1) and Section 169 of Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known as "The Insurance Code", as Amended by Republic Act No. 10607

		HBN-06058	An Act Rationalizing the Taxes Imposed on Non-Life Insurance Policies, amending for this Purpose Sections 108, 123, 184, and 185 of The National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended
		HBN-06453	An Act Reorganizing and Converting the Insurance Commission into a Collegial Body, Amending Sections 437, 438, And 439 of Republic Act No. 10607, Otherwise Known as "The Insurance Code", as Amended
		HBN-06565	An Act Transferring the Powers and Functions of the Insurance Commission to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and Further Strengthening the Insurance Industry, Amending Sections 2, 77, 189, 193, 200, 201, 202, 204 To 207, 219, 221, and 441 of Republic Act No. 10607, Otherwise Known as The Insurance Code, as Amended by Presidential Decree Nos. 612, 1141, 1280, 1455, 1460, 1814, and 1981, and Batas Pambansa Blg. 874, and For Other Purposes
		HBN-06654	An Act Reorganizing and Converting the Insurance Commission into A Collegial Body, Amending Sections 437, 438 And 439 Of Republic Act No. 10607, Otherwise Known As "The Insurance Code", As Amended
		SBN-1743	An Act Reorganizing and Converting the Insurance Commission into a Collegial Body, Amending Sections 437, 438 and 439 of Republic Act No. 10607, Otherwise Known as the Insurance Code, as Amended
R.A. No. 9829	Pre-Need Code of the Philippines	None	
Act No. 2616	The Salvage Law	None	
C.A. No. 65	Carriage of Goods by Sea Act	None	
C.A. No. 146	Public Service Act	HBN-00078	An Act Providing for the Definition of Public Utility, Further Amending for the Purpose Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the 'Public Service Act', as Amended
		HBN-04086	An Act Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as The Public Service Act, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		HBN-04105	An Act Providing for the Definition of Public Utility, Further Amending for the Purpose Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the "Public Service Act," as Amended

		HBN-04319	An Act Amending the Provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the "Public Service Act" Towards Public Interest and Other Purposes
		HBN-06377	An Act to Define Public Utilities, Promote Investment, Improve Regulation, and Ensure National Security by Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended, and Other Related Laws, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-1372	An Act Modernizing the Public Service Act, amending for the Purpose Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended
		SBN-1257	An Act Further Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-531	An Act Further Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146 Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended
		SBN-419	An Act Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-318	An Act Further Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-13	An Act Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Law, as Amended
Code of Commerce	Maritime Commerce Law	None	
Warsaw Convention	Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air	None	

R.A. No. 10668	Allowing Foreign Vessels to Transport and Rep. Co-Load Foreign Cargoes for Domestic Transshipment	None	
R.A. No. 11232	Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines	SBN-1269	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 11232 Otherwise Known As, 'An Act Providing for the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines,' and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 7042	Foreign Investments Act of 1991	HBN-04106	An Act Amending Sections 4 and 8 of Republic Act No. 7042, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Foreign Investments Act Of 1991"
		HBN-04268	An Act Amending Republic Act 7042, Otherwise Known as the Foreign Investments Act of 1991, to Augment Foreign Investment, to Promote Supplementary Source of Revenue, and for Other Purposes
		HBN-04457	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7042, Otherwise Known as The Foreign Investments Act of 1991, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8179, and for Other Purposes
		HBN-00300	An Act Amending Sections 4 and 8 of Republic Act No. 7042, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the 'Foreign Investment Act Of 1991'
		SBN-1156	An Act Promoting Foreign Investments, Amending Thereby Republic Act No. 1042 Otherwise Known as the 'Foreign Investment Act of 1991', as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-1024	An Act Promoting Foreign Investments, Amending Thereby Republic Act No. 7042 Otherwise Known as the 'Foreign Investments Act of 1991', as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-919	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7042, Otherwise Known as the Foreign Investments Act of 1991, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8179, and for Other Purposes

		SBN-418	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7042, Otherwise Known as the Foreign Investments Act of 1991, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8179, and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 7652	Investors' Lease Act	None	
R.A. No. 7916	The Special Economic Zone Act of 1995	HBN-03654	An Act Strengthening the Roles and Functions of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to Accelerate Countryside Development Through Robust Creation of Special Economic Zones in Rural and New Growth Areas, Enhancing the Incentives Thereof and Amending for this Purpose, Republic Act No. 7916, Otherwise Known as "The Special Economic Zone Act of 1995", as Amended by RA 8748
		HBN-03747	An Act Strengthening the Roles and Functions of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to Accelerate Countryside Development Through Robust Creation of Special Economic Zones in Rural and New Growth Areas, Enhancing the Incentives Thereof and Amending for this Purpose, Republic Act No. 7916, Otherwise Known as "The Special Economic Zone Act of 1995, as Amended by RA 8748
		HBN-03897	An Act Strengthening the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to Accelerate Countryside Development Through Robust Creation of Special Economic Zones in Rural and New Growth Areas, Enhancing the Incentives Thereof, and Amending for this Purpose, Republic Act No. 7916, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8748, Otherwise Known as "The Special Economic Zone Act Of 1995"
E.O. No. 65	Eleventh Regular Foreign Investment Negative List	None	
R.A. No. 8799	The Securities Regulation Code	HBN-07624	An Act Authorizing the Securities and Exchange Commission to Inspect Bank Records Relating to Securities Transactions, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8799, Otherwise Known as the "Securities Regulation Code"
		HBN-04177	An Act Amending Section 5 of Republic Act Number 8799, Otherwise Known as the Securities Regulation Code, Harmonizing the Same with Section 29 of Republic Act Number 8791, Otherwise Known as the General Banking Law of 2000, and for Other Purposes

R.A. No. 1405	Law on Secrecy of Bank Deposits	HBN-01498	An Act to Amend Section 2 of Republic Act No. 1405 Otherwise Known as 'The Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law', Exempting Government Officials and Employees from the Prohibition Against Disclosure of or Inquiry into Deposits with any Banking Institution and for Other Purposes
		HBN-03554	An Act to Amend Section 2 of Republic Act No. 1405 Otherwise Known as the "Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law", Exempting Government Officials and Employees from the Prohibition Against Disclosure of or Inquiry into Deposits with any Banking Institution and for Other Purposes
		HBN-07316	An Act Exempting Government Officials and Employees Under Investigation by the Senate and the House of Representatives from the Prohibition Against Disclosure of Bank Deposits, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 1405, Entitled “An Act Prohibiting Disclosure of or Inquiry Into, Deposits with any Banking Institution and Providing Penalty Therefor,” as Amended
		SBN-1802	An Act Amending Republic Act Nos. 1405, Otherwise Known as the Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law
		SBN-539	Amending R.A. No. 1405 (Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law) An Act Exempting Government Officials and Employees from the Prohibition Against Disclosure of or Inquiry into Deposits with Any Banking Institution, amending for the Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 1405, Otherwise Known as the ‘Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law’
		SBN-374	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 1405, Also Known as the Bank Secrecy Law, as Amended, by Removing From its Coverage, Government Officials and Employees, and for Other Purposes
		SBN-26	An Act to Amend Section 2 of Republic Act No. 1405 Otherwise Known as the ‘Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law,’ Exempting Government Officials and Employees from the Prohibition Against Disclosure of or Inquiry into Deposits with any Banking Institution and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 3591	Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation Act	HBN-05821	An Act Further Increasing the Maximum Deposit Insurance Coverage, amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 3591, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) Charter
		SBN-1260	An Act Further Increasing the Maximum Deposit Insurance Coverage, amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 3591, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) Charter

R.A. No. 3765	Truth in Lending Act	None	
R.A. No. 7653	The New Central Bank Act	HBN-02845	An Act Amending Section 6 of Republic Act 7653 or the New Central Bank Act, and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 8791	The General Banking Law of 2000	None	
R.A. No. 8474	Lending Company Regulation Act of 2007	None	
R.A. No. 8293	Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines	HBN-01597	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 8293 Otherwise Known as the 'Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines', Increasing its Penalties and Sanctions, Rationalizing its Powers and Functions, and for Other Purposes
		HBN-04984	An Act Promoting the Development and Use of Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) in the Philippines, Amending RA 8293 Otherwise Known as the "Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines", Providing Penalties Thereof, and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 623	Use of Duly-Stamped and Marked Containers	None	
IPOPHL Memo. Circ. 011-17	Philippine Regulations Implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of 2017	None	
Act No. 3135	Real Estate Mortgage Law	SBN-1394	An Act Prohibiting Courts from Issuing Restraining Orders or Preliminary Injunctions in Certain Cases Involving Extrajudicial and Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgages, and for Other Purposes

R.A. No. 9160	Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2000	HBN- 06174	An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Law, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN- 1545	An Act Strengthening Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act Of 2001, as Amended
		SBN- 1412	An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Law, amending for the Purpose Sections 2, 3, 7, 10, 12 and 20 of Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001, as Amended, and for Other Purposes
		SBN- 926	An Act Classifying Vote-Buying and Vote-Selling as Unlawful Activity Under the Anti-Money Laundering Act, amending for this Purpose RA 9160, as Amended Also Known as 'An Act Defining the Crime of Money Laundering, Providing Penalties Therefor and for Other Purposes'
R.A. No. 10142	Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act of 2010	HBN- 00978	An Act Amending Section 145 of Republic Act 10142, 'Otherwise Known as the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act (FRIA) of 2010', Providing for Stiffer Penalties and Sanctions, and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 10173	Data Privacy Act of 2012	HBN- 01188	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10173, Otherwise Known as the 'Data Privacy Act of 2012', to Adopt a More Systematic, Comprehensive and Effective Protection Program, to Foster the Imposition of All Existing Policies and Guidelines, Increasing its Penalties and Sanctions, and for Other Purposes
		HBN- 05612	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10173, Otherwise Known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012"
		SBN- 1446	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10173, Otherwise Known as the 'Data Privacy Act Of 2012', and for Other Purposes
R.A. No. 11057	Personal Property Security Act	None	

R.A. No. 10667	Philippine Competition Act	HBN- 05906	An Act Amending Provisions of Republic Act 10667, Otherwise Known as 'An Act Providing for a National Competition Policy Prohibiting Anti-Competitive Agreements, Abuse of Dominant Position and Anti-Competitive Mergers and Acquisitions, Establishing the Philippine Competition Commission and Appropriating Funds Therefor'
		HBN- 06243	An Act Strengthening the Powers of the Philippine Competition Commission and Legislating the National Competition Policy, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10667, Otherwise Known as "The Philippine Competition Act"

c. Existing Codification Efforts

There presently exists no institutional effort to codify all the special commercial laws in the Philippines into one harmonized code.