AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, October 05, 1946

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SEC. 2. All provisions of law or rules of court inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, October 5, 1946.

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