

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH A DENOUNCED PUBLIC OFFICER MAY BRING ACTION AGAINST AN INFORMANT OR WITNESS WHO GAVE FALSE OR MALICIOUS TESTIMONY, AMENDING FOR THE PU...

BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 242, November 11, 1982

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/409ff4d41696/>

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Section two of Presidential Decree Numbered Seven hundred forty-nine, "Granting Immunity from Prosecution to Givers of Bribes and Other Gifts and to their Accomplices in Bribery and Other Graft Cases Against Public Officers," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The immunity granted hereunder shall not attach should it turn out subsequently that the information and/or testimony is false and malicious or made only for the purpose of harassing, molesting or in any way prejudicing the public officer denounced. In such a case, the public officer so denounced shall be entitled to any action, civil, administrative or criminal, against said informant or witness: Provided, however, That such action may be commenced only after the dismissal of the case against the denounced public officer after preliminary investigation or after the latter's acquittal by a competent court.

"The prescriptive periods for the various actions under the provisions of this section shall start to run from the time such actions may be commenced as herein provided."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, November 11, 1982.

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.