

REPEALING SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 5 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1745 DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1980, AS AMENDED

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 912, September 27, 1983

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WHEREAS, Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1745, dated November 20, 1980 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1747, dated December 4, 1980, and Executive Order No. 690, dated May 11, 1981 grants, under certain conditions, amnesty to any person who on or before November 20, 1980 has been arrested and/or investigated for, charged with or convicted of simple illegal possession of firearm, ammunition and explosives provided, that he shall apply for such amnesty not later than December 31, 1981.

WHEREAS, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the same Presidential Decree as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1747, dated December 4, 1980, Executive Order No. 690, dated May 11, 1981, Executive Order No. 758, dated December 31, 1981 and Executive Order No. 861, dated December 22, 1982 bestow, among others, upon a possessor of any firearm, ammunition or explosives the privileges of surrendering up to December 31, 1983 these articles to government authorities without incurring any criminal liability therefor and be granted license to possess the same if qualified under existing laws, policies and rules and regulations.

WHEREAS, because of the aforementioned privileges under Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Presidential Decree No. 1745, as amended, it has been noted that many unscrupulous individuals, particularly those with a predisposition to violence, have taken advantage of the lenient and liberal policy of the government on the surrender of firearms without incurring criminal liability therefor by carrying these firearms outside of residence for purposes other than the actual surrender of these firearms to the authorities, using as a mantle of defense and protection the aforesated lenient and liberal policy on firearms, ammunition and explosives;

WHEREAS, it has become imperative to immediately terminate the licensing of loose firearms to safeguard the peace and tranquility of the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

Section 1 – The privileges granted to persons under Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1745 as amended are hereby terminated; provided that, persons who have surrendered their unlicensed firearms, ammunition or explosives as of the effectivity of this order shall continue to enjoy the privileges granted under the aforementioned Sections of Presidential Decree No. 1745.

Section 2 – This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, this 27th day of September, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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