

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GUERRILLA AMNESTY COMMISSION TO HEAR AMNESTY APPLICATIONS IN CERTAIN CASES EVEN IF THE SAME HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECIDED BY SUPERIOR COURTS.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 810, June 22, 1952

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

SECTION 1. Any law or decision to the contrary notwithstanding, the decision of any superior court in a criminal case finding the acts of the accused for which he has been prosecuted as not falling under Amnesty Proclamation Number eight, dated September seven, nineteen hundred and forty-six, shall not bar him from raising or reopening the issue of amnesty in connection with the said acts before the proper Guerrilla Amnesty Commission: Provided, however, That the accused has not previously applied for amnesty in connection with the said acts to any Guerrilla Amnesty Commission or that he has not pleaded amnesty as a defense at the trial of the said criminal case in any inferior court.

SEC. 2. The proper Guerrilla Amnesty Commission referred to in the preceding section shall, upon petition of the accused, receive such evidence or further evidence as he may submit in support of his application.

SEC. 3. The decision of the Guerrilla Amnesty Commission denying the accused the right of amnesty shall be appealable by certiorari to the Supreme Court.

SEC. 4. An application for amnesty may be filed either by the person responsible for the acts for which he invokes amnesty or by his representatives.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted without Executive approval, June 22, 1952.

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