



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**H. No. 4605**

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MACEDA, BROSAS, ZAMORA (Y.M.), VELOSO-TUAZON, FERRER (J.M.), ABUNDA,  
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**AN ACT**

PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT OF MARRIED WOMEN TO RETAIN THEIR MAIDEN SURNAMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 370 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 370, Title XIII, Book III of the Republic Act No. 386, as amended, otherwise  
2 known as the New Civil Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Article 370. A married woman may use:

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5 [(1) Her maiden first name and surname and add her husband's surname or

6 (2) Her maiden first name and her husband's surname or

7 (3) Her husband's full name, but prefixing a word indicating that she is his wife, such as

8 "Mrs."]

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10 **(1) MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND SURNAME;**

11 **(2) MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND SURNAME AND ADD HER HUSBAND'S NAME;**

12 **(3) MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND HER HUSBAND'S SURNAME; OR**

1           **(4) HUSBAND’S FULL NAME, BUT PREFIXING A WORD INDICATING THAT SHE IS HIS**  
2           **WIFE, SUCH AS “MRS.”**

3   SEC. 2. All laws, act, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations,  
4   issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of  
5   the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

6   SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in  
7   a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,