

Legislative Power

DECREE No. 119-2019

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

WHEREAS: Decree No. 130-2017 of January 18, 2018, containing the Criminal Code, published in the Official Gazette La Gaceta on May 10, 2019, contains 635 articles and Article 635 reads as follows "ARTICLE 635.- VALIDITY. This Code shall enter into force six (6) months after its publication in the Official Gazette". The foregoing means that having been published on May 10, 2019, these regulations shall enter into force on November 10, 2019.

CONSIDERING: That it is important to extend the period in question so that the Criminal Justice Administration System can introduce the mechanisms for training and dissemination of these criminal legal regulations throughout the national territory, so that justice operators are provided with a legal tool that allows them to effectively combat violence and crime.

CONSIDERING: That the National Congress is consistent with the process described in the Constitution of the Republic and in the Organic Law of this State Power, After hearing the opinion of the Supreme Court of Justice, it is feasible to extend the period of vacatio legis of the new Criminal Code for an additional six (6) months.

CONSIDERING: That Article 205, Attribution 1) of the Constitution of the Republic, establishes that it is the power of the National Congress: To create, decree, interpret, reform and repeal the laws.

THEREFORE,

DECRETA:

To amend Article 635 of Decree No. 130-2017 of January 18, 2018, published in the Official Gazette No. 34,940 of May 10, 2019,

containing the CRIMINAL CODE, which should be read from the following form:

" **ARTICLE 635.- VALIDITY.** The present Code will come into effect from May 10, 2020".

ARTICLE 2.- This Decree shall enter into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette "La Gaceta".

Given in the city of Tegucigalpa, municipality of the Central District, in the Hall of Sessions of the National Congress, on the fourth day of November of the year two thousand and nine.

ANTONIO CÉSAR RIVERA CALLEJAS
PRESIDENT

JOSÉ TOMÁS ZAMBRANO MOLINA
SECRETARY

VALERIANO PINEDA SAVIOR
SECRETARY

To the Executive
Branch Therefore,
Execute.

Tegucigalpa M.D.C., November 6, 2019

JUAN ORLANDO HERNÁNDEZ ALVARADO
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE OFFICES OF
GOVERNMENT, JUSTICE AND
DECENTRALIZATION. **HÉCTOR LEONEL AYALA**
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