

The New Adoption Law

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The Article discusses the changes in the Adoption Law brought about by its repealed provisions, Articles 338 to 348. In lieu of these provisions, Section B of Presidential Decree (P.D.) 603, the Child and Youth Welfare Code, were introduced. The Author divides the changes in the law into two categories: the amendatory provisions which tackle matters of qualifications and disqualifications of the adopter and the effects of adoption; and the other on the new provisions which were not included in the Civil Code. From this classification, the Author provides a discussion on the possible effects which may result from the amendments, and notes that the P.D. 603 aids in addressing the problems of illegitimate births, orphans, and vagrancy.