

## The Anti-Rape Law and the Changing Times: Nature, Issues and Incidents

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Republic Act No. 8353 (Anti-Rape Law), entitled “An Act Expanding the Crime of Rape, Reclassifying the Same as Crime Against Persons, Amending for the Purpose Act No. 3815 as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code, and for Other Purposes,” is most notable for, as the title suggests, the reclassifying of rape as a crime against persons, rather than a crime against chastity, as it was known prior. This Note explores the history behind the enactment of the Anti-Rape Law, the deficiencies in the criminal code it sought to address, and the questions arising from its enactment. The Author concludes that the Anti-Rape Law is a commendable piece of legislation and aids in solving a detestable problem of society.