

'Rody seals fate of divorce bill'

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President Duterte's refusal to support the divorce bill has doomed the proposed law that would lead to easier dissolution of marriage, Rep. Lito Atienza of party-list group Buhay said yesterday.

"His latest statement of opposition to the bill has sealed the fate of this measure. The bill is now dead," Atienza said.

He was referring to the remarks the President made in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City on Wednesday.

Acknowledging Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez, Duterte told him: "I'm sorry but I cannot follow you (on the divorce bill). My daughter is not happy with it. You just talk to Sara."

Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio and Alvarez recently had a bitter word war, which ended when the latter said, "No comment, I surrender."

Earlier, the President changed his stand on the issue of divorce by opposing it, saying the children of separated couples would be greatly affected.

The House of Representatives has passed the measure on third and final reading.