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HOUSE BILL NO. **797**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the worst crime confronting government authorities today is carnapping. It seems that all efforts taken by law-enforcement agencies of the government to stamp out this crime have not, in the least, reduced carnapping activities. Something is wrong somewhere. It is believed that the key to the solution to this problem lies with the government office which is in-charge of registering all motor vehicles - the Land Transportation Office. It seems that the LTO personnel are wittingly or unwittingly lax in registering motor vehicles so that even a stolen car is easily registered. This practice abets carnapping activities because if the Land Transportation Office does not register a stolen motor vehicle, then it would be useless for a carnapper to steal a motor vehicle in as much as it would be difficult for him to sell it.

In order to make the personnel of the LTO more wary and careful in registering motor vehicles, this bill, punishing any officer or employee of said office who is responsible for registering any stolen motor vehicle is presented. If this bill is approved, the undersigned believes that carnapping will be reduced to the minimum.

Approval, therefore, of the attached bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT PUNISHING ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE, INSERTING FOR THE PURPOSE, A NEW SECTION BETWEEN SECTIONS FIFTY-SEVEN AND FIFTY-EIGHT OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX

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

SECTION 1. A new section, to be known as Section fifty-seven-A, is hereby inserted between Sections fifty-seven and fifty-eight of Republic Act Numbered forty-one hundred thirty-six, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic code, to read as follows:

"SECTION 57-A ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE EQUIVALENT TO THE MARKET VALUE OF THE STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH, IN ADDITION THERETO, IF FOUND GUILTY, SUCH OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE SHALL BE DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE WITH PREJUDICE TO REINSTATEMENT OR REEMPLOYMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND THAT ALL BENEFITS OR PRIVILEGES HE MAY BE ENTITLED SHALL BE FORFEITED."

SECTION 2. Any provision of law, decree, executive order, rule or regulation in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are accordingly repealed, amended or modified.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen(15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,