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HOUSE BILL NO. 3272

Introduced by Hon. Roque R. Ablan, Jr.; Hon. Luis P. Bersamin, Jr.; Hon. Antonio V. Cuenco; Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri; Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers; Hon. Salacnib F. Baterina; Hon. Edwin C. Uy; Hon. Ernesto G. Pablo; Hon. Justin Marc SB. Chipeco

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to penalize the mere possession of ten (10) grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride by life imprisonment to death.

Methamphetamine is one among the synthetic drugs which is frequently abused as stimulant of the nervous system. In general, its effect is more potent than amphetamine because it carries more serious health problems like paranoia and strokes.

In the Philippines, methamphetamine is the main drug of choice. Based on the World Trade Report released by the United Nations (UN) Office on Drugs and Crimes, the Philippines ranks third among the world's manufacturers of the illicit drug. The UN report disclosed that the illegal drug trade in the country is estimated at P216 billion to P400 billion a year. Per PNP records, there is now an estimated 3.4 million drug users nationwide.

It is very evident that despite the government's much-publicized accomplishments in combating drug trafficking, the drug menace in the Philippines is getting worse.

In view of the above, it is of vital importance that government authorities join hands to come up with new measures to combat the illegal drug scourge. Penalizing the mere possession of ten (10) grams of shabu by life imprisonment to death will surely minimize, if not eradicate, the proliferation of illegal drugs.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
PENALIZING THE POSSESSION OF (TEN) 10 GRAMS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE BY LIFE
IMPRISONMENT TO DEATH, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
THE "COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002", AS
AMENDED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11, paragraph (5) of Republic Act 9165, known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Possession of Dangerous Drugs.*— The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person,

who, unless authorized by law, shall possess any dangerous drug in the following quantities, regardless of the degree of purity thereof:

x x x

(5) (50) **10** grams or more methamphetamine hydrochloride or "shabu";

x x x

Otherwise, if the quantity involved is less than the foregoing quantities, the penalties shall be graduated as follows:

[(1) Life imprisonment and a fine ranging from Four hundred thousand pesos (P400,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), if the quantity of methamphetamine hydrochloride or "shabu" is ten (10) grams or more but less than fifty (50) grams;]

[(2)] (1) x x x

[(3)] (2) x x x

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

