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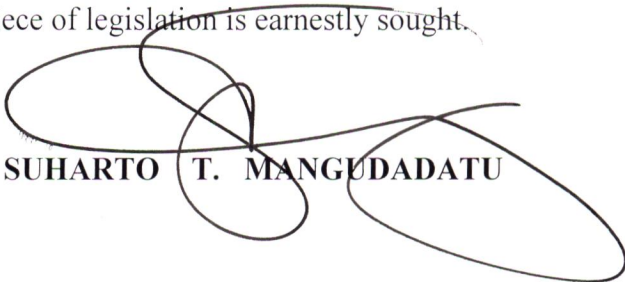
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for legitimation of children born to parents who at the time of their conception are below the marrying age.

The Family Code of the Philippines provides that if both or any of the parents have legal impediment to marry each other, like age, those children born or conceived by them can not be legitimated, even if marriage shall take place upon reaching the age of majority. The only remedy of any or both parents is to adopt their illegitimate children in order for the latter to obtain a legitimate status. Adoption proceeding is expensive and burdensome to most. Thus, those parents who get married upon reaching the age of majority will not opt to undergo an adoption proceeding anymore, leaving the children conceived or born before the marriage as illegitimate.

It is unfair for those children not to obtain a legitimated status because of the indiscretions committed by their parents. The proposed measure will give justice to these children in order for them to enjoy the rights granted to legitimate and legitimated children.

Thus, the approval of this important piece of legislation is earnestly sought.


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**“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN TO
PARENTS BELOW MARRYING AGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”**

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

Section 1. Article 177, Chapter 4, Title VI of Executive Order Number Two Hundred and Nine, as amended, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title VI

Paternity and Filiation

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Chapter 4. Legitimated Children

“Article 177. Only children conceived and born outside of wedlock of parents who, at the time of the conception of the former, were not disqualified by any impediment to marry each other EXCEPT BY REASON OF AGE, may be legitimated.”

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,