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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Illegal gambling is one of the vices and ills of any society. It is one of the causes of the disintegration of the family and leads to the destruction of oneself.

The precursors of this vice have been very creative in designing, introducing, and luring people to engage in these illegal activities especially with the available high-end technology which is used as a means to achieve their dirty tricks and illegal tactics.

This measure proposes to increase and upgrade the level of penalty and punishment to be given to the violators of our existing gambling laws to deter and eradicate this menace in our human existence.

May this proposal encourage our police and intelligence enforcers, prosecutorial arm and society in general to support our anti-illegal gambling policies of our government.

Early approval of this measure is hereby sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602, ENTITLED
“PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING”

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1602, entitled “Prescribing Stiffer Penalties on Illegal Gambling” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 1. Penalties. – The following penalties are hereby imposed:

“(1) The penalty of prision correccional in its [medium] **MAXIMUM** period or a fine ranging from **FIFTY THOUSAND** (P\ 50,000.00) **TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND** (P\ 100,000.00) **PESOS OR BOTH, IMPRISONMENT AND FINE**, and in cases of recidivism, the penalty of prision mayor in its [medium] **MAXIMUM** period or a fine ranging from [five thousand to ten thousand] **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND** (P\ 150,000.00) **PESOS OR BOTH, IMPRISONMENT AND FINE SHALL BE IMPOSED:**

(1) XXX

(2) Any person who shall knowingly permit any form of gambling referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph to be carried on in an inhabited or uninhabited place or in any building, vessel or other means of transportation owned or controlled by him. If the place where gambling is carried on has a reputation of a gambling place or that prohibited gambling is frequently carried on therein, or the place is or government building or barangay hall, the malefactor shall be punished by prision (correccional) **MAYOR** in its [maximum] **MINIMUM** period and a fine of [six thousand] **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS** (P\ 150,000.00).

(a) XXX

(b) The penalty of prision (correccional in its maximum) **MAYOR IN ITS MEDIUM** period or fine of (six thousand} **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS** (P\ 200,000.00) **OR BOTH, IMPRISONMENT AND FINE** shall be imposed upon the maintainer or conductor of the above gambling schemes.

(c) The penalty of prision mayor in its (medium) **MAXIMUM** period with (temporary) **PERPETUAL** absolute disqualification or a fine of (six thousand) **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS** (P\ 200,000.00) **OR BOTH, IMPRISONMENT AND FINE** shall be imposed if the maintainer, conductor or banker of said gambling schemes is a government official, or where such government official is a player, promoter, referee, umpire, judge or coach in case of game-fixing, point-shaving and machination.

(d) The penalty of prision correccional in its (medium) **MAXIMUM** period or a fine ranging from (four hundred to two thousand) **TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS** (P\ 20,000.00) **TO FIFTY**

THOUSAND PESOS (P\ 50,000.00) OR BOTH, IMPRISONMENT AND FINE shall be imposed upon any person who shall, knowingly and without lawful purpose in any hour or any day, possess any lottery list, paper pertaining to or in any manner used in the games of jueteng, jai alai or horse racing, bookings, and similar games of lotteries and numbers which have taken place or about to take place.

- (e) The penalty of [temporary] **PERMANENT** absolute disqualification shall be imposed upon any barangay official who with knowledge of existence of a gambling house or place in his jurisdiction fails to abate the same or take action in connection herewith.
- (f) The penalty of prision [correccional] **MAYOR** in its [maximum] **MINIMUM** period or a fine ranging from [five hundred pesos to two thousand pesos] **TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P\ 20,000.00) TO FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS {P\ 50,000.00} OR BOTH, IMPRISONMENT OR FINE** shall be imposed upon any security, security guard, watchman, private or house detective of hotels, villages, buildings, enclosures, and the like which have the reputation of a gambling place or where gambling activities are being held."

SEC. 2. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,