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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bank robbery has plagued our country for several years. It is a fact that we are already saddled with heavy economic burdens without bank robbers pulling us deeper into the pit. Bank robbery is a clear form of economic sabotage that needs to be curbed.

Bank robbery not only poses a big threat to our economy but also to the stability of banking institutions. It has also cost the lives of innocent people in several incidents.

This bill proposes to punish bank robbers specifically in order to reduce or eliminate this dangerous occurrence, thereby boosting our economy and protecting the lives of the people. It also seeks to prevent bank robbers from conveniently posting bail using robbed money.

Support and early passage of the bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT SPECIFICALLY PUNISHING THE CRIME OF BANK ROBBERY
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815 AS AMENDED**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the BANK ROBBERY ACT OF 2010.

SECTION 2. The article below is hereby inserted after Article 299 of Republic Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code:

Art. 299-A. Robbery in banks, financial institutions and vehicles transporting monies –

1. Any person who shall commit robbery in a bank or any financial institution shall be punished by *reclusion perpetua* regardless of the value of the property or money taken, and if –
 - a. The offender or offenders shall enter the bank or financial institution in which the robbery is committed, by any of the following means:
 1. Through an opening not intended for entrance or egress;
 2. By breaking any wall, roof, or floor or breaking any door or window;
 3. By using any fictitious name or pretending the exercise of public authority.Or if –
 - b. The offender or offenders are armed.
Or if –
 - c. The offender is a person holding public elective office or one who is exercising public authority.
Or –
 - d. When or if by reason or on occasion of the robbery, the crime of homicide shall have been committed; or when the robbery shall have been accompanied by rape or intentional mutilation or arson.
Or –
 - e. When or if by reason or on occasion of the robbery, any serious physical injuries shall have been inflicted;
Or if—
 - f. The offender is a bank official, employee or personnel, or security guard with abuse of confidence shall rob a bank or financial institution.
2. Any person who shall rob any vehicle transporting monies of banks or financial institutions shall be punished by *reclusion perpetua* regardless of the value of the property or money taken under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. When he seizes or usurps the control of the vehicle;

- b. When he has fired upon the driver, the security guards, bank personal or any passenger of the vehicle;
- c. When he has exploded or attempted to explode any bomb or explosive to destroy the vehicle;
- d. When the crime is accompanied by murder, homicide, serious physical injuries or rape.
- e. When the offender, with abuse of confidence, is a bank official, employee or personnel;
- f. When the offender is pretending the exercise of public authority;
- g. When the offender is person holding public elective office or one who is exercising public authority.

Any attempt or frustration to commit the same shall be punished by reclusion temporal in its maximum and medium periods, respectively.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.