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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Carjacking has become an even more gruesome crime these days. People lose not only their cars but their lives as well. Targets of this terrifying scourge nowadays are car dealers who try to sell rather ordinary cars. The victims are not only shot but apparently charred beyond recognition. It has become such that selling cars these days seems a death-defying chore.

With the increasing incidence of carjacking and other motor vehicle related crimes, the need for a more effective and efficient system of penalizing and preventing these crimes arises. The ruthless carjackers and killers deserve heavy penalty.

This bill seeks to amend the Republic Act No. 6539 ("The Anti-Carjacking Act of 1972") by increasing the imposable penalty to curb these brutal and merciless criminals and protect the society.

Thus the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972" AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659

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

SECTION 1. Amendment - Section 14 of Republic Act No. 6539, otherwise known as the "Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972" as amended by Republic Act No. 7659 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. *Penalty for Carnapping.* - **THE PENALTY OF RECLUSION PERPETUA SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON** any person who is found guilty of carnapping, as this term is defined in Section Two of this Act, *[shall,]* irrespective of the value of motor vehicle taken, ***be punished by imprisonment for not less than fourteen years and eight months and not more than seventeen years and four months, when the carnapping is committed without violence or intimidation of persons, or force upon things; and by imprisonment for not less than seventeen years and four months and not more than thirty years, when the carnapping is committed by means of violence against or intimidation of any person, or force upon things;*** and the penalty of *reclusion perpetua* to death shall be imposed when the owner, driver or occupant of the carnapped motor vehicle is killed or raped in the course of the commission of the carnapping or on the occasion thereof."

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - Any laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,