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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the penalties for violators of "The Anti-Carnapping Act" or Republic Act (RA) No. 6539. It aims to prevent the rampant incidents of carnapping in the Philippines by providing stiffer penalties to offenders.

Since 1972, RA No. 6539 has been in place to protect the Filipino people against theft of motor vehicles. Motor vehicles are oftentimes utilized in committing crimes or as getaway vehicles in the perpetration of other crimes.

Nowadays, carnappers have become more violent and blatant in breaking the law. This representation believes that by strengthening Section 14 (Penalty for Carnapping) of Republic Act 6539, we can minimize the incidents of crime.

It is, therefore, earnestly requested that this bill be urgently approved.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF CARNAPPING AMENDING
FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539**

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 6539 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“Section 14. Penalty for carnapping. 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 **TWENTY YEARS AND ONE DAY** (fourteen years and eight months) and not more than **THIRTY YEARS** (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 **THIRTY YEARS AND ONE DAY** (seventeen years and four months) and not more than **FORTY YEARS** (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 life imprisonment to death shall be imposed when the owner, driver or occupant of the carnapped motor vehicle is killed in the commission of the carnapping.*

ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH CARNAPPING AS PENALIZED HEREOF SHALL BE DENIED BAIL WHEN EVIDENCE OF GUILT IS STRONG.”

SECTION 2. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or at least three (3) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,