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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Very recently there has been a spate of crimes committed against properties accompanied by murder of victims under circumstances that are revolting and repugnant against the standards of human decency such as beheading and burning the victims. These are exemplified by the Lozano and Evangelista cases. It appears that criminals have been emboldened by the repeal of the death penalty law.

To bring order and respect for the law this Act seeks to re-impose death penalty for heinous crimes.


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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to ensure that peace and order are maintained, the dignity of every human person is respected, and that life, property and liberty of every individual are fully protected, and the laws of the land are abided with in order for every citizen to enjoy the blessings of a just and humane society.

Section 2. Re-imposition of the death penalty – The death penalty for various heinous crimes are hereby re-imposed through the activation of Republic Act 7659. Republic Act 9346 prohibiting the imposition of the death penalty is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Death by lethal injection – The imposed penalty of death shall be carried out through lethal injection. Republic Act 8177 is thus hereby revived.

Section 4. Implementing Rules. – The Secretary of Justice shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the rules to implement its provisions.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees and issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier. Publication shall not be later than ten (10) days after the approval thereof.

Approved