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HOUSE BILL NO. 4294

Introduced by Honorable Augusto Boboy Syjuco, Ph.D.

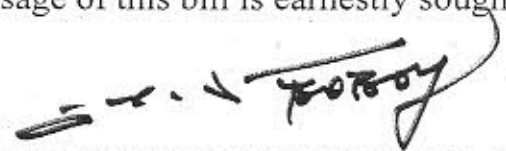
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to amend Republic Act No. 6539, otherwise known as the "*Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972*," by allowing the accused, in case of bailable act of carnapping, to post a bail bond equivalent to twice the fair market value of the carnapped motor vehicle.

The recent carnapping incidents that were perpetrated by notorious criminal syndicates have spread across the country. The gruesome murders of carnapping victims have caused fear among the people and tainted the image of the Philippines before the international community. The situation is very alarming because these incidents have shown the wanton disregard of the perpetrators to our laws and the duly constituted authorities.

Thus, we need to act now in order to stop these senseless carnapping. With the approval of this bill, it is expected to serve as a deterrent to criminal elements who remain at large and are on the loose to prey upon their next victim.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS OF THE "ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972"

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 6539, as amended, is hereby further 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 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] LIFE IMPRISONMENT 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.

IN CASE OF A BAILABLE ACT OF CARNAPPING, THE ACCUSED SHALL BE REQUIRED TO POST A BAIL BOND EQUIVALENT TO TWICE THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE CARNAPPED MOTOR VEHICLE."

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,