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Introduced by **HON. ROMERO FEDERICO "MIRO" S. QUIMBO**

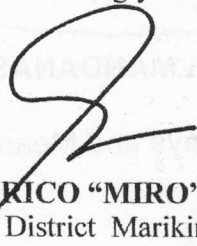
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The death of Ramon Credo, Elizabeth Batain, and Sally Villanueva shall not be in vain. They were victims of the vicious Drug Mule scheme of drug traffickers. This scheme preys on the vulnerability of many of our poverty-stricken countrymen, mostly Overseas Filipino Workers, and, like cancer, attaches itself to their hopes of earning enough to return to their families only to lead them to their deaths and destruction.

It is unfortunate that our current laws against drug and human trafficking have gaps which drug traffickers abuse to continue their exploitation. This bill seeks to address these gaps to pave the way for the prosecution of the drug traffickers victimizing countless Filipinos, especially OFWs, and ensure that justice is rightfully served.

March 30, 2011 is an unfortunate and tragic day for us Filipinos but the lessons of this gloomy day shall strengthen our resolve to right what is wrong and ensure the welfare of Filipinos everywhere.

In view thereof, the expedient approval of his bill is strongly recommended.



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AN ACT
PENALIZING PERSONS INVOLVED IN USING, ATTEMPTING TO USE OR
CONSPIRING TO USE DRUG MULES TO FOREIGN STATES AND COUNTRIES
HEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 9165 OF 2002 AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SEC. 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Drug Mule Act of 2011."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to undertake all measures to protect all persons, especially its citizens, from falling prey not only to the harmful effects of dangerous drugs but also to the various schemes and methods employed by those involved in drug trafficking to lure, seduce and victimize Filipinos and other vulnerable persons to transport dangerous drugs to other countries, foreign states, foreign territories or foreign jurisdictions.

SEC. 3. Definition of Drug Mules. - The term "drug mules" shall be defined in Section 3 of R.A. No. 9165 and said section shall be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Definitions. - As used in this Act, the following term shall mean:

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"(LL) DRUG MULE. - A PERSON USED BY ANOTHER PERSON/S, WHETHER WITH OR WITHOUT THE FORMER'S CONSENT OR KNOWLEDGE, TO TRANSPORT DANGEROUS DRUGS, OF WHATEVER AMOUNT AND NATURE, FROM OR THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES TO OTHER COUNTRIES, FOREIGN STATES, FOREIGN TERRITORIES OR FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS. IF THE PERSON USED TO TRANSPORT THE DANGEROUS DRUGS IS A FILIPINO CITIZEN, HE OR SHE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A DRUG MULE EVEN IF THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BEING TRANSPORTED IS NOT THE PHILIPPINES OR OUTSIDE PHILIPPINE TERRITORIES."

SEC. 4. *Penalty for Using Drug Mules.* – Any person who shall use, attempt to use or conspire with any other person/s or entity/ies to use drug mules shall be criminally liable under Philippines law. Accordingly, there shall be incorporated into R.A. No. 9165 a new section to read as follows:

“SEC. 6-A. USE OF DRUG MULES OR ATTEMPT OR CONSPIRACY TO USE THE SAME. – ANY PERSON WHO SHALL USE, ATTEMPT TO USE OR CONSPIRE WITH ANY OTHER PERSON/S OR ENTITY/IES TO USE DRUG MULES SHALL BE PENALIZED WITH LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE NOT LESS THAN FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P25,000,000.00).”

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,