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EXPLANATORY NOTE

NEGLIGENCE and laxity on the part of gun owners and gun manufacturers have put children's lives in grave danger.

Wanton disregard of loaded weapons sometimes lead to the injuries and even death of our young.

Authorities, through this measure, will help put a stop to this irresponsibility. The bill seeks to heavily punish firearms owners whose negligence resulted to the injury and death of children and gun manufacturers who fail to put safety devices in firearm that prevent children from discharging it.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AGAINST IRRESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS
AND MANUFACTURERS**

BE it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Sec. 1. Title: This act shall be known as "Safe Gun Act of 2011".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy: It is State's policy to reduce injuries and deaths caused by firearms to children. Toward this end, the State shall guarantee the safety of children from irresponsible gun owners and the production of child-proof safety firearms or devices.

Sec. 3. Unlawful acts: It shall be unlawful:

a. For a person to leave a loaded firearm within reach of children.

b. For a person to manufacture, sell, cause to sell or import a firearm that does not have as an integral part a device or devices that prevent a child of less than 7 years of age from discharging a firearm by reason of the amount of strength, dexterity, cognitive skill, or other ability required to cause a discharge.

Section 4: Penalties:

a. Any violation of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of less than three months or both at the discretion of the Court. If the offense is committed by a corporation, trust or firm, partnership or association or other entity, the penalty shall be imposed upon the guilty officer or officers of such corporation, trust, firm, partnership or association or entity.

b. Upon approval of this law, if the firearm manufactured by a person or corporation caused the injury or death of a child through accidental firing, the fine imposed will be raised to P500,000 and imprisonment of prision mayor without parole.

c. The gun owner who is found guilty of negligence will be punished with a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of less than three months or both at the discretion of the Court

d. If the neglected firearm caused the injury or death of a child through accidental firing, the fine imposed to the owner will be raised to P500,000 and imprisonment of prison mayor without parole.

Sec. 5: Separability clause: The declaration of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any provisions of this Act shall not affect the other provisions.

Sec. 6 Repealing clause: Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Sec. 7. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,