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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recent news on the tragedy involving the shooting of innocent school children has warned all us of on the dangers of allowing ordinary citizens to acquire or possess a firearm.

While it is true that regulation of gun possession could possibly prevent the happening of the sad incident, any lapses on a regulation could mean the unnecessary loss of lives. This has been shown by the numerous incidents of indiscriminate shooting of firearms in the past including some in Europe and recently in the United States.

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


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE USE OR POSSESSION OF GUNS OR FIREARMS OF ANY
KIND BY ORDINARY CITIZENS OTHER THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
PERSONNEL AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby the policy of the State
2 to prohibit ordinary citizens from holding or using guns or firearms of any
3 kind.

4 SECTION 2. *Definition of Terms.* For purposes of implementing this
5 Act, the following terms are hereby interpreted to mean as follows:

- 6 a) Firearm – any tool or gadget that can fire a projectile of any kind
7 of such speed which could have a deadly effect on its target.
- 8 b) Gun – any firearm that can fire a projectile of any kind of such
9 speed which could have a deadly effect on its target.

1 c) Possession – the act of holding or keeping a gun or firearm
2 regardless of its ownership.

3 d) Law enforcement personnel – shall refer to the Philippine
4 National Police including its authorized or deputized agents.

5 e) Members of the Armed Forces – shall refer to the members of the
6 army, navy and air force personnel.

7 f) Private Security Personnel – shall refer to licensed security guards
8 of licensed security agencies.

9 SECTION 2. It is hereby prohibited for any individual to hold,
10 possess or keep in their homes or private premises a gun or a firearm
11 of any kind. This provision however does not apply to the following:

12 a) Members of the Philippine National Police and other law
13 enforcement personnel;

14 b) Members of the Philippine Army;

15 c) Members of the Philippine Navy;

16 d) Private Security Personnel;

17 e) Other national government agencies that is necessary for
18 investigation and law enforcement purposes as determined by the
19 president, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
20 Senate.

21 SECTION 3. The Philippine National Police or its delegated agencies
22 are hereby tasked to implement the provisions of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* The Department of
2 Interior and Local Government is hereby tasked to draft the
3 implementing rules and regulation to implement the provisions of this
4 Act.

5 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, rules,
6 regulation that are inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or
7 modified accordingly.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
9 publication in the official gazette or in at least two newspapers of general
10 circulation.

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