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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Carnapping has been proliferating in our streets. Recent series of carnapping incidents in the metropolis have gained wide media coverage the past days making it a controversial topic affecting public security that needs urgent public attention.

Despite efforts to deter the increase of carnapping incidents, the commission of the crime has increased due to innovations that syndicated carnapping groups adapt. To date, carnappers remain scot-free because they can easily bail themselves out of the situation.

Originally, the Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972 considers carnapping a heinous crime, when in the course of carnapping or by reason thereof, someone is killed or raped. However, due to the suspension of the death penalty, *reclusion perpetua* became the highest imposable penalty for the crime.

Efforts are being pursued both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate to increase the imposable penalty for the crime or to make it a non-bailable offense under certain circumstances. Even the President himself supports this undertaking.

It is in the light of this urgent public clamor for a safer nation that the passage of this bill is highly called for.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar V. Sarmiento".

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**AN ACT MAKING THE CRIME OF CARNAPPING, UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES, A NON-BAILABLE OFFENSE, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539 AS AMENDED ALSO KNOWN AS THE
ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972**

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 6539 as amended also known as
the Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972 is hereby amended as follows:

"SEC. 14. Penalty for Carnapping.— xxx xxx xxx

THE PROVISION OF THE LAW TO THE CONTRARY
NOTWITHSTANDING, NO BAIL SHALL BE RECOMMENDED
WHEN THE CARNAPPING IS COMMITTED BY A SYNDICATE OR
BY MEANS OF VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDATION OF ANY PERSON,
OR FORCE UPON THINGS, OR 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 OCASSION THEREOF.

THE CRIME IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY A
SYNDICATE WHEN THREE OR MORE PEOPLE TOOK PART IN
ITS COMMISSION."

SEC 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,