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HOUSE BILL NO. _____ 735

Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon



EXPLANATORY NOTE

Legal owners of firearms who fail to immediately report theft of their firearms, unintentionally arm the g thieves and facilitate the latter's commission of other crimes by the use of the stolen firearms. Firearm theft is a major criminal problem and thereof have the responsibility to prevent the commission thereof.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15th Congress. The approval of this bill is earnestly requested now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF THEFT OF A
FIREARM BY THE LEGAL OWNER THEREOF AND
PROVIDING CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Report of Theft of Firearm Act".

Section 2. (a) The legal owner of a firearm shall report the theft of a firearm within 72 hours to the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality in which the theft occurred.

(b) A person who violates the provision of this section shall be liable to a civil penalty of not less than Php2,000.00 for a first offense and Php6,000.00 for a second or subsequent offense.

Section 3. Separability Clause. - If any provisions, or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. - Any law, executive order, decree, issuance, ordinance, rule and regulation or any part thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is also hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.