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HOUSE BILL NO. 1103



Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Act No. 4103, also known as the Indeterminate Sentence Law, by including the criminal offenses against minors in the enumeration of certain crimes to which the provisions of the Act do not apply.

According to the Supreme Court, the positivist theory of criminal law states that the basis for criminal liability is the sum total of the social and economic phenomena to which the offense is expressed. The State is concerned not only in the imperative necessity of protecting the social organization against the criminal acts of destructive individuals but also in redeeming the individual for economic usefulness and other social ends (*People v. Ducosin*, 59 Phil. 109 [1933]). The adoption of this theory is exemplified in the Indeterminate Sentence law.

However, the application of this law is limited by excluding persons convicted of certain crimes or offenses due to its heinous nature, severity and gravity of the offense. The mere nature and seriousness of offenses (especially sexual offenses) against a minor justifies its inclusion in the enumeration.

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act No. 4103, as amended, otherwise known as the
2 Indeterminate Sentence Law, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 “Sec. 2. This Act shall not apply to persons convicted of offenses
4 punished with death penalty or life-imprisonment; to those convicted of
5 treason, conspiracy or proposal to commit treason; to those convicted of
6 misprision of treason, rebellion, sedition or espionage; to those convicted
7 of piracy; **TO THOSE CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES**
8 **AGAINST A MINOR, WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO OR EXCEEDS**
9 **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: KIDNAPPING OF A MINOR, EXCEPT**
10 **BY A PARENT; CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT TOWARD A**
11 **MINOR; SOLICITATION OF A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL**
12 **CONDUCT; USE OF A MINOR IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE;**
13 **SOLICITATION OF A MINOR TO PRACTICE PROSTITUTION; ANY**
14 **CONDUCT THAT BY ITS NATURE IS A SEXUAL OFFENSE**
15 **AGAINST A MINOR; PRODUCTION OR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD**
16 **PORNOGRAPHY; CHILD-TRAFFICKING; AND USING CHILDREN**
17 **IN DRUG TRAFFICKING;** to those who are habitual delinquents; to
18 those who have escaped from confinement or evaded sentence; to those
19 who having been granted conditional pardon by the Chief Executive shall
20 have violated the terms thereof; to those whose maximum term of

1 imprisonment does not exceed one year, not to those already sentenced by
2 final judgment at the time of approval of this Act, except as provided in
3 Section 5 hereof."

4 SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or the provision not otherwise affected
6 shall remain valid and subsisting.

7 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
8 order, letter of instruction, administrative rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
9 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

10 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general
12 circulation.

Approved,