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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1409**



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Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to provide bigger penalties in the illegal use of firecrackers by amending Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7183 so as to provide stiffer penalties by increasing the amount of fine and the years of imprisonment for any person who shall violate the law. This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, ENTITLED "AN ACT**  
**REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF**  
**FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES" BY PROVIDING STIFFER**  
**PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7183 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3               "Sec. 11. *Penalties.* – Any person who manufactures, sells,  
4 distributes or uses firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices in violation  
5 of the provisions of [this Act] **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183** shall be  
6 punished by a fine of not less than [Twenty] **FIVE HUNDRED** thousand  
7 pesos [(P20,000.00)] **(P500,000.00)** nor more than [Thirty thousand] **ONE**  
8 **MILLION** pesos [(P30,000.00)] **(P1,000,000.00)**, [or] **AND AN**  
9 imprisonment of not less than six (6) [months] **YEARS** nor more than [one  
10 (1) year] **TWELVE YEARS (12 YEARS)**, [or both such fine and  
11 imprisonment, at the discretion of the court] in addition to the cancellation  
12 of his/HER license and business permit and the confiscation by the  
13 Government of his/HER inventory or stock."

14       **SEC. 2. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its  
15 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

16       Approved,