



Fifteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4865**

Introduced by Honorable Rodolfo C. Fariñas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to penalize the act of throwing hard objects at motor vehicles while such vehicle is in motion or stationary.

It is a fact that there are unscrupulous people who throw, for whatever reason, hard objects like stones, rocks, bricks, bottles, pieces of wood at motor vehicles, particularly public transport plying main thoroughfares. In the process, accidents result putting the lives and limbs of passengers and damaging the vehicle itself. This practice has to be abated.

Authorities are at a loss on how to prevent the commission of this act because at most, the culprits could be dealt with only with the crime of malicious mischief under Article 327 of the Revised Penal Code, punishable by a light penalty. Worst, offenders go scot-free and end up making this hazardous act a habitual "past-time." Hence, this bill.

By penalizing the act of throwing stones and hard objects at vehicles and providing stiff penalties for the crime, people will be forewarned of the consequences of such crime thereby serving as deterrent to future wrongdoers. Thus, the wellbeing of the travellers as well as the drivers and owners of the vehicles is ensured.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PENALIZING THE ACT OF THROWING HARD OBJECTS AT
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. ***Prohibited Act; Penalties.*** – Any person who hits at a motor vehicle by throwing stones, rocks, bricks, bottles, pieces of wood or metal or any other hard object of any kind or character, that damages, ruins, destroys or wrecks the vehicle or causes death or bodily harm to its passengers shall be imposed the following penalties:

a) One (1) year imprisonment and a fine of Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00), in addition to the costs of repair of the vehicle;

b) Five (5) years imprisonment and a fine of Fifteen thousand pesos (P15,000.00), in addition to the civil liabilities for medical expenses and rehabilitation if such act results to any physical injury to any person;

c) Life imprisonment and a fine of One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), in addition to the civil liabilities if such act results to the death of any person.

The prosecution under this Act shall be without prejudice to the prosecution of the offense under other existing laws.

SEC. 2. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 3. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,