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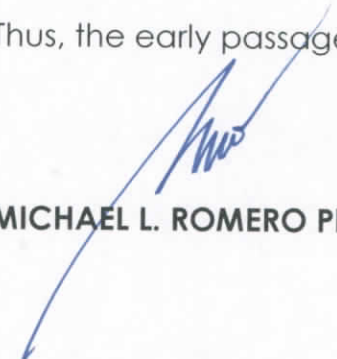
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines, It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order and protect the people against violence. The State also recognizes the right of its qualified citizens to self-defense through, when it is the reasonable means to repel the unlawful aggression under the circumstances, the use of firearms.

This House Bill seeks to provide for a comprehensive law regulating the ownership, possession, carrying, manufacture, dealing in and importation of firearms, ammunition, or parts thereof, in order to provide legal support to law enforcement agencies in their campaign against crime, stop the proliferation of illegal firearms or weapons and the illegal manufacture of firearms or weapons, ammunition and parts thereof.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE “ Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act”, TO
PROMOTE A HIGHER STANDARD OF PROTECTION, INCREASING ITS
PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy -

Section 40 of Republic Act No. 10591, is hereby amended to read as follows:

*SECTION 40. Failure to Notify Lost or Stolen Firearm or Light Weapon – A fine of Fifty thousand pesos (**₱50,000.00**) shall be imposed upon any licensed firearm holder who fails to report to the FEO of the PNP that the subject firearm has been lost or stolen within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of discovery.*

Likewise, a fine of Twenty five thousand pesos **(P25,000.00)** shall be imposed upon any person holding a valid firearm license who changes residence or office address other than that indicated in the license card and fails within a period of thirty (30) days from said transfer to notify the FEO of the PNP of such change of address.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy -

Section 42 of Republic Act No. 10591, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 42. Firearms Repository – The FEO of the PNP shall be the sole repository of all firearms records to include imported and locally manufactured firearms and ammunition. Within six **(6)** months upon approval of this Act, all military and law enforcement agencies, government agencies, LGUs and government-owned or -controlled corporations shall submit an inventory of all their firearms and ammunition to the PNP.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy -

Section 43 of Republic Act No. 10591, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 43. Final Amnesty – Persons in possession of unregistered firearms and holders of expired license or unregistered firearms shall register and renew the same through the Final General Amnesty within three **(3)** months from the promulgation of the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

During the interim period of three **(3)** months, no person applying for license shall be charged of any delinquent payment accruing to the firearm subject for registration.

The PNP shall conduct an intensive nationwide campaign to ensure that the general public is properly informed of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. Declaration of Policy -

Section 44 of Republic Act No. 10591, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 44. Implementing Rules and Regulations – Within sixty **(60)** days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the PNP, after public hearings and consultation with concerned sectors of society shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act to be published in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least

two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,