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EXPLANATORY NOTE

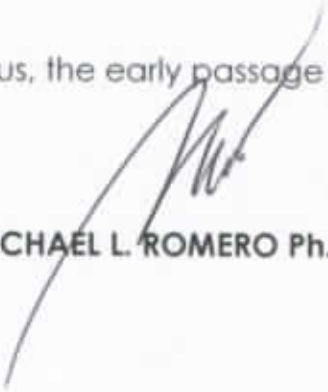
During these past years, the threat of terrorism has gripped many nations especially our country, which has caused severe blow to ones stability and has claimed thousands of lives. nowadays, the cost of being safe is getting more complicated and more expensive for governments to assure its citizens, and the best way to reduce the violence brought about by terroristic acts would be the preparedness of everybody to react on these.

we have seen and heard many stories of gunmen entering private and public places whether or not motivated by any political or religious ideologies, and killing innocent lives and destroying properties. these incidents can be better handled if property owners/managers and building occupants are aware of a lock-down and lock-out procedures in order to keep them safe and to the perpetrators' movements limited.

This house bill shall resolve this issue by instructing all relevant government agencies to create protocols for lock-down and lock-out procedure and for

these procedures to be regularly exercised by all concerned on atleast a yearly basis just like how fire and earthquake drills are done regularly.

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



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AN ACT

MANDATING THE AFP, PNP, BJMP, BFP, OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE TO CREATE PROTOCOLS TO IMPLEMENT A LOCKDOWN AND LOCKOUT MECHANISM INCASE OF ARMED CONFLICTS AND ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM, TO FOSTER A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION SCHEME, TO PROMOTE A MORE CONDUCTIVE AND SECURED ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL MALLS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, HOSPITALS, PRISONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY— it shall be the policy of the state to view and recognize national security as a broad concept — not limited to the protection of territorial integrity and sovereignty, but also inclusive of other aspects such as "**cultural cohesiveness**" and "**moral and spiritual consensus.**"

Reflective of the current government's thrust, such places are of a particular focus on combating illegal drugs and criminality.

It shall be hereby a policy of the state to create protocols and mechanisms to implement a **LOCKDOWN and LOCKOUT** scenario incase of these security challenges, most especially armed conflicts and all acts and forms of Terrorism.

The state shall also perceive the strategic environment to address all internal and external security challenges.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS–

Lockdown - the most common of which pertains to a state of containment or a restriction of progression. A lockdown is an emergency protocol to prevent people or information from escaping, which usually can only be ordered by someone in command. Lockdowns are also used to protect people inside a facility.

Lockout – this is to prevent from entering of terrorists or anyone who have intentions of destroying properties, harming people, creating chaos, disrupting normalcy of businesses and alike, inside private and public infrastructures by locking its gates, doors and alike.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The **AFP, PNP, BJMP, BFP, OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE** and other departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 4. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months

transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

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,