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Introduced by Representative H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Civil Code took effect on 30 August 1950. Since then, our country has endured tremendous currency turmoil which depreciated the value of the Philippine Peso.

The Civil Code, Article 1403, paragraph 2(d), requires in writing any sale of goods, chattels, or things in action in the amount of not less than five hundred pesos (P500.00) in order to be enforceable. This required amount of five hundred pesos (P500.00) is unrealistic considering the current prices of goods, chattels, or things in action. If we are to comply with this provision of the law then almost every sale of goods, chattels, or things in action should be in writing. This will amount to a virtual curtailment of trade and commerce. This bill seeks to comply with the demands of time by increasing the required amount to ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00).*


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* This bill was originally filed by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago during the Sixteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

- 1 (a) An agreement that by its terms is not to be performed within a year
2 from the making thereof;
- 3 (b) A special promise to answer for the debt, default, or miscarriage of
4 another;
- 5 (c) An agreement made in consideration of marriage, other than a
6 mutual promise to marry;
- 7 (d) An agreement for the sale of goods, chattels or things in action, at a
8 price not less than [five hundred pesos] TEN THOUSAND
9 PESOS, unless the buyer accept and receive part of such goods and
10 chattels, or the evidences, or some of them, of such things in action
11 or pay at the time some part of the purchase money; but when a
12 sale is made by auction and entry is made by the auctioneer in his
13 sales book, at the time of the sale, of the amount and kind of
14 property sold, terms of sale, price, names of the purchasers and
15 person on whose account the sale is made, it is a sufficient
16 memorandum;
- 17 (e) An agreement of the leasing for a longer period than one year, or
18 for the sale of real property or of an interest therein;
- 19 (f) A representation as to the credit of a third person."

20 SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
21 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
22 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

1 SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,