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House Bill No. **6135**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Attrition Act of 2005 was signed by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo with the aim of improving revenue collections from the Department of Finance, particularly the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Bureau of Customs. The law aims to achieve 100 percent collection to have adequate funds for its developmental programs. However, the law has not been properly implemented by public officers in charge of supervision and administration of collection. The poor execution of penalties for unmet targets allows incompetence, indolence, and corruption to flourish. Hence, our recidivist officers and employees from these collection agencies.

The 1987 Constitution provides that, "the goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged." It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty and property, and promote the general welfare of its citizens. Moreover, the State is constitutionally mandated to serve and protect the people. Guided by these principles, this bill seeks to ensure the strict implementation of the Attrition Act of 2005, achieve annual revenue collection targets, and punish negligent and corrupt officials in charge of supervising collection.

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

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1 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9335, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ATTRITION
2 ACT OF 2005 BY INTRODUCING A PENALTY CLAUSE FOR ITS NON-
3 IMPLEMENTATION

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

4 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** Republic Act No. 9335 (RA 9335), otherwise known
5 as the Attrition Act of 2005, declares the State policy to optimize the revenue-generation capability
6 and collection of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) by
7 providing for a system of rewards and sanctions. The State shall ensure strict implementation of
8 this law to achieve collection goals and penalize negligent and non-complying public officials.

9 **SEC. 2. Non-implementation as economic sabotage.** Non-implementation of the provisions
10 of the Attrition Act of 2005 shall be considered economic sabotage. The Act shall therefore include
11 a penalty clause, imposing punishment on public officers carrying out supervising and managerial
12 functions for non-implementation of the said law.

13 **SEC. 3. Penalties.** Public officers who are remiss in implementing rewards and sanctions
14 based on collection performance shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than seventeen
15 (17) years and not more than twenty (20) years.

16 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
17 Official Gazette or in any two newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever
18 comes earlier.

19 Approved.