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House Bill No. 8050



Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Despite the increasingly tedious promises of eradicating graft and corruption from many public officials, it is a curious fact that such odiousness remains prevalent and is committed in increasingly duplicitous ways.

There are in place, a number of laws to curb graft and corruption, such as: R.A. No. 3019, P.D. Nos. 677, 1288, 46, 749 and the latest of which being Republic Act No. 6713, yet so far, legislators have not included the punishment of persons who has benefitted, shamelessly lavishing themselves, from the proceeds plundered from the government's coffers. Such persons shall heretofore be referred to as "beneficiaries." They are not to be limited to immediate relatives, rather it shall also include other persons related through affinity with public officials or employees.

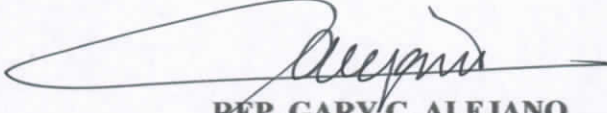
Corrupt public officials and employees, if proven guilty, shall suffer the consequences of their actions, however, there is no definite policy on punishing these beneficiaries, further enabling them to act with impunity.

All beneficiaries who are of legal age, shall then be held accountable by this Government and the people it has professed to serve. The undeserved fruits they have enjoyed partaking in the corrupt practices of a convicted official, they shall be expected to pay in full.

Undoubtedly, the rationale behind this proposed measure is right and just, given the principle that proceeds from illegal transactions are themselves considered illegal and stolen. If no one can be allowed to sell and earn from stolen goods and the money earned then and there is considered dirty; if under the law, those who are caught in possession of stolen goods is held criminally liable, then no one can deny that the same should apply in cases of stolen wealth.

It is time to enact another measure to stifle, hopefully for good, corrupt practices.

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


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1319, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE**
3 **KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT"**
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
6 *assembled,*
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8 **SECTION 1.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 1319, as amended, is hereby amended by
9 adding a new paragraph to be denominated a paragraph (c) to read as follows:
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11 "Sec. 9. Penalties for Violations. —
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15 **(c) PERSONS, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMMEDIATE FAMILY**
16 **MEMBERS OF LEGAL AGE, WHO BENEFIT FROM THE UNLAWFUL ACTS OR**
17 **OMISSIONS OF A PUBLIC OFFICER SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT**
18 **FOR NOT LESS THAN (6) MONTHS NOR MORE THAN FIVE (5) YEARS AND**
19 **FORFEITURE IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT WHATEVER PROCEEDS DERIVED**
20 **FROM SUCH UNLAWFUL ACT."**
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22 **SEC. 2. Effectivity Clause.**—This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved,