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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. 10827

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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOY MYRA SALVADOR-TAMBUNTING**

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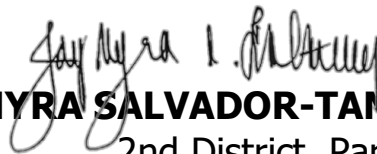
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

R.A. No. 3553, otherwise known as An Act to Prohibit the Possession of Deadly Arrow penalizes unlawful carrying outside of arrows or any arrow like weapons that when shot from a blow or slingshot can cause injury or death of a person and requires the permit to carry them.

Arrows, or *Pana* in Filipino is one of the primitive weapons widely used during the pre-colonial era. It had served the warriors of the old its purpose and have been their trusted companion in wars and battles. Fast forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, weapons have been evolving and arrows had to eventually part from its original intent – to kill. Carrying an arrow no longer display any kind of threat nor harm. In our modern day and age, arrows are now mostly viewed as a tool for sports, prop for a movie or a costume. With this bill, we are able to promote the competence of our athletes in archery and other sports which use the *pana*. The repeal of the Anti-Pana Law will open our country to the hosting of international archery competitions without this antiquated law posing an obstacle. It is time to modernize our statute books to the realities of our time.

Furthermore, Presidential Decree No. 9, as amended by Batas Pambansa Blg. 6, already penalizes the unlawful carrying outside of one's residence any bladed, pointed or blunt weapon such as the *pana*, except where such articles are being used as necessary tools or implements to earn a livelihood or in pursuit of a lawful activity.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

  
**REP. JOY MYRA SALVADOR-TAMBUNTING**  
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**AN ACT PROMOTING ARCHERY AND OTHER SPORTS, REPEALING  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-PANA LAW.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand and Five Hundred Fifty-Three (R.A. No. 3553), otherwise known as the Anti-Pana Law, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** This Act does not in any manner repeal, amend, or modify provisions of the Revised Penal Code and Presidential Decree No. 9, as amended by Batas Pambansa Blg. 6.

**SECTION 3.** All other laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction, and other issuances, orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby likewise repealed.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.