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House Bill No. 10523

Introduced by Honorable EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The increasing prevalence of cybercrimes and data privacy violations necessitates stronger measures to combat associated financial crimes. Integrating violations of Republic Act No. 10175 (Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012) and Republic Act No. 10173 (Data Privacy Act of 2012) as predicate crimes under the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001 (RA 9160) addresses this urgent need. The bill proposes to amend Section 3(i) of RA 9160 to include violations of Sections 4 and 5 of RA 10175, which cover cyber offenses like illegal access and data interference, and Sections 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 36 of RA 10173, which deal with unlawful processing of personal data and unauthorized access.

This amendment strengthens anti-money laundering efforts by broadening the authority of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) to investigate, prosecute, and prevent money laundering activities linked to cybercrimes and data privacy breaches. Including these violations as predicate crimes ensures a cohesive legal framework, aligns with international standards, and demonstrates the Philippines' commitment to robust financial regulation and cyber security measures.

In summary, the proposed amendments to RA 9160 enhance the country's ability to address modern threats in cyber security and data privacy, fostering a safer digital environment and reinforcing national security and financial integrity. This bill is a crucial step towards protecting individuals and businesses from financial crimes associated with cyber activities, promoting trust in digital transactions and data handling.

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AN ACT

**TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3(i) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001", AS
AMENDED**

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

**SECTION 1. Section 3(i) of Republic Act 9160 is hereby amended to
read as follows:**

"(i) Unlawful activity' refers to any act or omission or series or combination
of thereof involving or having direct relation to the following:

(34) Violations of Sections 4 and 5 of Republic Act No. 10175, otherwise
known as the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012

(35) Violations of Section 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 36 of Republic Act No.
10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012"

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause - Section 3(i) of Republic Act No. 9160, as
amended by Republic Act No. 10365, is hereby repealed. All laws, decrees,
orders, and issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the
provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly;
Provided, that all provisions of Republic Act No. 9160, as amended, which are
not inconsistent with this Act are hereby adopted.

SEC. 3. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
publication in, at least, two (2) newspapers of general circulation.