



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 506



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
PENALIZING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE INFORMATION AS TO THE
PRESENCE OF BOMBS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER INCENDIARY DEVICES IN
HIGH DENSITY OR SENSITIVE PLACES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public safety and national security are concerns that must be upheld at all times, especially in high-density or sensitive areas such as airports, schools, shopping malls, and transportation terminals, among others. False reports, hoaxes, or so-called “bomb jokes” involving explosives, bombs, or incendiary devices disrupt operations, cause unnecessary panic, waste public resources, and endanger lives. Despite repeated warnings, such irresponsible acts persist.

In March 2025, two male passengers were arrested for making a bomb joke at the Bohol-Panglao International Airport. This incident prompted immediate security measures, including a thorough inspection of the aircraft and the passengers’ baggage.

Similarly, in August 2024, a senior citizen made a bomb joke while boarding a flight at Tacloban Airport, leading to a flight delay, inconveniencing passengers, and consuming valuable airport resources.

Furthermore, in February 2024, several government agencies, including the DENR, received bomb threats that disrupted their operations. Although these threats were ultimately determined to be hoaxes, they necessitated evacuations and emergency responses. These diverted critical resources and caused public alarm.

These incidents highlight the urgent need for a stronger legal framework that would penalize individuals who knowingly spread false information or make jokes about bombs and explosives. Existing rules must be reinforced to address not only threats but also the deliberate act of misinformation that results in panic and disruption.

This measure seeks to penalize the willful communication of false threats or misinformation about bombs, explosives, or other incendiary devices, especially when such acts cause evacuations, serious disruption of activities, or public inconvenience and alarm.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "*False Bomb Threat*
2 *Prohibition Act*".

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
4 undertake all measures to protect all persons, especially its citizens, from being subject to
5 injurious effects of false information and threats on bombs and explosives, in the objective of
6 upholding their security and safety, especially in high density and sensitive places where the
7 risks are higher.

8 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

9 a) *High density* shall refer to areas which are regularly populated with people
10 including but not limited to public spaces like national roads, public parks, airports,
11 seaports, hotels and malls, or where people are gathered for an event.

12 b) *Sensitive areas* shall refer to those which are subject to those which are subject to
13 high risks upon violation of this act because of the magnitude of resulting possible
14 losses in productivity, resources, and religious value notwithstanding the number of
15 people present therein, including but not limited to educational institutions, offices,
16 government institutions, and churches.

1 **SEC. 4. *Prohibition.*** – No person shall willfully communicate or cause to be
2 communicated, either directly or indirectly, orally, in writing, by mail, by use of a telephone or
3 telecommunication device including, but not limited to, cellular through an electronic mail,
4 internet communication device or by any means, a threat or information involving a bomb,
5 explosive or other incendiary device, when such threat is in fact not present, thereby causing
6 either the evacuation or serious disruption of a school, school related event, school
7 transportation, or a dwelling disruption of a school, school related event, school transportation,
8 or a dwelling, building place of assembly, facility or public transport, or an aircraft, ship or
9 common carrier, or willfully communicates or causes serious public inconvenience or alarm.

10 **SEC. 5. *Penalties.*** – Any person found guilty of violating this Act or any rules and
11 regulations issued pursuant hereto shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment of not
12 less than six (6) years but not more than twelve (12) years or fine of not less than Two million
13 pesos (P2,000,000.00) but not more than Seven million pesos (P7,000,000.00) or both.

14 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
15 unconstitutional, other parts of provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue
16 to be in full force and effect.

17 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders and issuances and
18 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed,
19 amended or modified accordingly.

20 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,