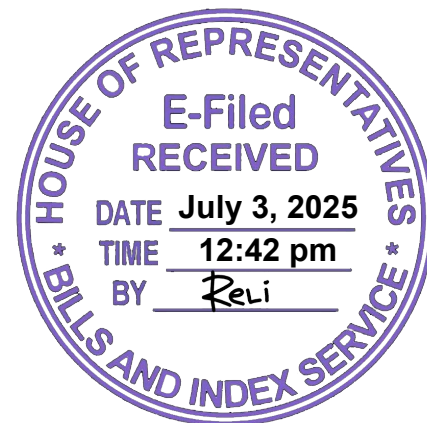


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#### **AN ACT**

**RE-IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN CRIMES SPECIFIED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002", AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ALSO KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 9346, otherwise known as "An Act Prohibiting the Imposition of Death Penalty in the Philippines," to restore capital punishment for crimes punishable by death under Republic Act No. 9165, or the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002".

The continued proliferation of illegal drugs in the country poses a clear and present danger to public safety and national security. Recent anti-drug operations have led to the seizure of billions of pesos worth of illegal drugs, many intercepted in our seas and coastal areas—highlighting the persistent and large-scale operations of drug syndicates.

Drug-related crimes often give rise to other heinous acts such as murder, robbery, and abuse, further threatening the safety of communities. Despite existing penalties, drug traffickers and criminal organizations remain undeterred, suggesting that our current laws lack the force necessary to confront this menace.

The re-imposition of the death penalty for the most serious drug offenses is intended to serve as a strong deterrent and a reaffirmation of the State's uncompromising stance in protecting its citizens from the devastating impact of illegal drugs.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9346 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The imposition of the penalty of death is hereby prohibited[.], **EXCEPT FOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY DEATH UNDER THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, AS AMENDED.** [Accordingly, Republic Act No. Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven (R.A. No. 8177), otherwise known as the Act Designating Death by Lethal Injection is hereby repealed.] Republic Act No. Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine (R.A. No. 7659), otherwise known as the Death Penalty Law, and all other laws, executive orders and decrees, insofar as they impose the death penalty, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly."

**SEC. 2. Death by Lethal Injection.** – The imposed penalty of death for crimes specified under R. A. No. 9165, as amended, shall be carried out through lethal injection. For this purpose, R. A. No. 8177 is hereby re-enacted.

**SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** – Republic Act No. 9346, otherwise known as "An Act Prohibiting the Imposition of Death Penalty in the Philippines" and all other laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 4. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,