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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data from the Dangerous Drug Board show as of 2019, there are roughly 1.67 million Filipinos engaged in illicit-drug abuse. Such a figure takes in vast and grave implications on our society: crime, health and infectious diseases, education, and the overall psychological welfare of our Filipino people. Moreover, mortality rates due to illicit-drug abuse have been steadily on the rise. Moreover, statistics also show that a part of the drug trade in the country are transacted from inside our jails, specifically the National Bilibid Prison. The harmful effects of drugs spread across the entire society more so with the increasing number of drug use among our youth.

As such, the need to have this bill passed becomes imperative as this seeks to provide greater and significant assistance to our law enforcement agencies for the implementation of Republic Act 9165 or the Dangerous Drugs Act.

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


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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRETAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act 4200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Nothing contained in this Act, however, shall render it unlawful or punishable for any peace officer, AND LAW ENFORCER, who is authorized by a written order of the Court, to execute any of the acts declared to be unlawful in the two preceding sections. In cases involving the crimes of treason, espionage, provoking war and disloyalty in case of war, piracy, mutiny in the high seas, rebellion, conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion, inciting to rebellion, sedition, inciting to sedition, kidnapping as defined by the Revised Penal Code, VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, and violations of Commonwealth Act No. 616, punishing espionage and other offenses against national security: Provided, that such written order shall only be issued or granted upon written application and the examination under oath or affirmation of the applicant and the witnesses he may produce and a showing: (1) that there are reasonable grounds to believe that any of the crimes enumerated hereinabove has been committed or is being committed or is about to committed: Provided, however, that in cases involving the offenses of rebellion of rebellion, conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion, inciting to rebellion, sedition, conspiracy to commit sedition, and inciting to sedition, such authority shall be granted only upon prior proof that a rebellion or acts of sedition, as the case may be, have actually been or are being committed; (2) that there are reasonable grounds to believe that evidence will be obtained essential to the conviction of any person for, or to the solution of, or to the prevention of, any such crimes; and (3) that there are no other means readily available for obtaining such evidence."

SECTION 2. All laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,