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House Bill No. **8777**



INTRODUCED BY REP. JOSE "BONG" J. TEVES, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Officers of fraternities, sororities, and organizations ("institution" for brevity) have the highest degree of responsibility of managing the affairs and operations of the institution. They are behind every activity, program, or event of the fraternity, sorority or organization, whether it be a fund raising activity, a community-based activity or an initiation process. Just like our government, they are the ones in-charge of the well-being of their so-called "constituents" or members. They are the "decision makers".

As such, whatever the institution does, it should be presumed that they have knowledge of such doing or activity. And the principle of "Command Responsibility" dictates that they must carry the success or burden of the outcome or the result of such activity or process.

This measure seeks to include national and local officers of the fraternity, sorority, and organization, regardless of their knowledge and presence, if as a result of hazing during the initiation process, death, rape, sodomy, or mutilation results therefrom regardless of their presence or absence during the hazing. As officers, they are burdened with the responsibility that no aspirant, recruit, neophyte or incumbent member will undergo hazing and as a result thereof suffer death, rape, sodomy or mutilation. They are given the heavy task that during the initiation process, no laws will be violated for the safety of both the aspirants and the members of the institution regardless of their presence.

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


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AN ACT
INCLUDING THE INCUMBENT NATIONAL AND LOCAL OFFICERS OF
FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS PERSONS
LIABLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-HAZING ACT OF 2018, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11053 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"ANTI-HAZING ACT OF 2018"

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

SECTION 1. - The fourth to the last paragraph of Section 14 of Republic Act No. 11053 which reads:

"The incumbent officers of the fraternity, sorority, or organization concerned shall be jointly liable with those members who actually participated in the hazing."

Is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"The incumbent national and local officers of the fraternity, sorority, or organization concerned, regardless of their knowledge and presence, shall be jointly liable with those members who actually participated in the hazing."

SECTION 2. Amendatory Clause. – Republic Act No. 11053, and all other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules or regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,