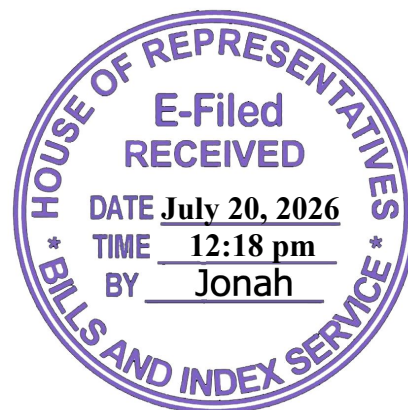


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LAW

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The constitutional mandate of the Office of the Ombudsman as an independent guardian of public accountability is gravely impaired by persistent fiscal limitations. When measured against the resources provided to comparable anti-corruption institutions in other jurisdictions, the present appropriations for the Office remain manifestly insufficient.

To fortify the state's anti-corruption efforts without imposing new burdens on public taxpayers, this measure introduces a self-funding model for accountability. By establishing a statutory claim on state-recovered assets seized under Republic Act No. 1379, the legislation mandates that exactly 30% of all judicially confiscated properties be diverted directly into the operational budget of the Office of the Ombudsman. This dedicated revenue stream provides the fiscal stability necessary to sustain complex, long-term litigations and clear backlogs of public misconduct cases.

The passage of this bill therefore is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 1379 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 "Sec. 6. Judgment - If the respondent is unable to show to the
4 satisfaction of the court that he **OR SHE** has lawfully acquired the property
5 in question, then the court shall declare such property, forfeited in favor
6 of the State, and by virtue of such judgment the property aforesaid shall
7 become property of the State: *Provided,* That **UPON THE**
8 **PROMULGATION OF A FINAL AND EXECUTORY ORDER OF THE**
9 **COURT, ALL NON-CASH PROPERTY SUBJECT OF SUCH RULING**
10 **SHALL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION: *PROVIDED,* FURTHER,**
11 **THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH AUCTION OF FORFEITED**
12 **PROPERTIES SHALL BE EARMARKED AS FOLLOWS: THIRTY**
13 **PERCENT (30%) SHALL BE EARMARKED AS ADDITIONAL**
14 **FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AND SEVENTY**
15 **PERCENT (70%) SHALL ACCRUE TO THE GENERAL FUND:**
16 ***PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT*** no judgment shall be rendered within six

1 **(6)** months before any general election or within three **(3)** months before
2 any special election. The Court may, in addition, refer this case to the
3 corresponding Executive Department for administrative or criminal action,
4 or both."

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6 **Sec. 2. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
7 rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of
8 this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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10 **Sec. 3. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,