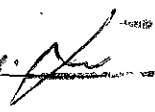


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A clean, honest and efficient bureaucracy is the key to the provision of good government that is the central role of the state. The Constitution, Article 11, Section 27 provides, "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption."

Graft and corruption in government imposes an informal tax burden that detracts from the efficiency of private sector enterprises and private markets. It is an insidious influence that tears at the moral fabric of the nation and leaves debilitating effects on productive economic undertakings. The drive against graft and corruption in government however is burdened with a serious incentive incompatibility. This is the fact that those who have knowledge of any acts of malfeasance by government officials and employees are deterred from reporting such acts because of their vulnerability to subsequent acts of reprisal. This bill addresses the situation with a provision that will grant rewards and provide protection to individuals who will report acts of malfeasance in government offices. In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


This Bill was initially filed by Sen. Rodolfo Biazon in the First Regular Session of the Fourteenth Congress.


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1 AN ACT
2 PROVIDING THE GRANTING OF REWARDS AND PROTECTION TO THOSE WHO
3 WILL REPORT MALFEASANCE IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND
4 APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

5 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in
6 the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

7 SECTION. 2. *Reward and Protection.* - Any government employee who will report any
8 act of malfeasance committed by his superior or any of his co-employees shall be granted a
9 reward or incentive in terms of cash, bonus or promotion in rank, if qualified, and shall be
10 provided protection against any retaliation from erring officials or employees.

11 SECTION. 3. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the effective implementation
12 of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Civil Service Commission under the
13 current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the
14 continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
15 Act.

16 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
17 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to, or in consistent
18 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

1 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
3 valid and subsisting.

4 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
5 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
6 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

7 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,