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Introduced by Senator Juan M. Flavier

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant a reward of incentive to any person who can give vital information relative to the violation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 1379, otherwise known as the "Act Declaring Forfeiture in Favor of the State Any Property Found to Have Been Unlawfully Acquired by Any Public Officer or Employees and Providing for the Procedure Therefor" and / or Republic Act No. 7080, otherwise known as "Act Defining and Penalizing the Crime of Plunder."

In the said bill, the informer, who gives vital information supported by competent evidence which account for or materially aid in the recovery or forfeiture of ill-gotten wealth as defined under the aforecited laws shall be entitled to a reward of twenty-five percentum (25%) of the total value of the property actually recovered.

With the proposed reward, it is envisioned that this will serve as an effective tool to encourage the people to participate in the Government's effort of recovering ill-gotten wealth from erring public officials and employees.

In addition, this reward system will also become an effective deterrent to would-be violators of the said laws.

JUAN M. FLAVIER Senator

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A GRANT OF REWARD TO INFORMERS OF VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7080 AND/OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Grant of Reward.* – Any person, who voluntarily gives vital information supported by competent evidence not yet in possession of any government investigating agency, concerning ill-gotten wealth of any public official or employees, which materially accounted for or aided in the recovery of the said property in favor of the State and / or the conviction of the guilty party in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7080 and/or Republic Act No. 1379, shall be entitled to a reward equivalent to twenty-five percentum (25%) of the value of the ill-gotten wealth actually collected or recovered.

SEC. 2. Determination of the Value of the Award. – The award shall be based on the value of the property actually recovered due the vital information furnished by the awardee.

If the properties recovered consist in real or personal properties, the same may be sold in a public auction or their value appraised by the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 3. Sharing of Reward by a Number of Informers. – If the vital information was given by several persons, they shall be entitled to the reward in equal shares.

SEC. 4. *Implementation*. – The applications for the grant of the award under this Act shall be addressed to and decided by a Committee composed of the Ombudsman, as Chairman, and the Solicitor General and the Secretary of Justice, as members.

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

Approved,