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EXPLANATORY.NOTE

An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. While accidents do occur, we can arm ourselves not only with the proper education but also with the right equipment. Smoke detectors and extinguishers, along with Carbon Monoxide detectors are first line defenses against highly preventable accidents.

This bill would encourage people to buy smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors. In turn, this action would prevent injuries and even the loss of life. It could also prevent fires from starting. Promoting the use of fire extinguishers would also be key in containing small fires which would keep property damage to a minimum.

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AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SMOKE ALARMS, HEAT SENSORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FROM ALL TAXES

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

- 4 SECTION 1. Exemption. The sale of fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, heat sensors
- 5 and carbon monoxide detectors shall be exempt from all taxes that may be imposed including,
- 6 but not limited to, taxes due upon importation of such equipment.
- 7 SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
- 8 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
- 9 modified accordingly.

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- SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
- following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,