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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Civil Code of the Philippines has been in force for almost half a century, since its effectivity on August 30, 1950

The Code under Title XVIII, Chapter 2, Article 2206 prescribes the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000) as damages for death caused by a crime or quasi-delict. Time and monetary inflation have rendered the provision obsolete. While it is difficult to subject the value of human life to pecuniary estimation, such amount is now grossly insufficient to indemnify the victim's bereaved relatives.

This bill seeks to update the amount of damages described above to Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000).

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES FOR DEATH CAUSED BY A
CRIME OR QUASI DELICT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE TITLE XVIII,
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2206 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Title XVIII, Chapter 2, Article 2206 of Act No. 386, otherwise
known as the Civil Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as
follows:

TITLE XVIII – DAMAGES

CHAPTER 2 – ACTUAL OR COMPENSATORY DAMAGES

Art. 2206. – The amount of damages for death caused by a
crime or quasi delict shall be at least **[Three Thousand Pesos] THREE
HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00)**, even though there may
have been mitigating circumstances.

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SEC. 2. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15)
days following publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,