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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In our quest for economic development, one of the requisite institutional infrastructures is a system of justice that can assure every citizen the protection of his property rights and the speedy administration of justice.

One of the critical obstacles to the speedy administration of justice is the imbalance between the number of prosecutors and the number of regional and special trial courts in the country.

This bill seeks to correct this imbalance by amending the provisions of the Administrative Code of 1987, and empowering the Department of Justice to maintain a one-to-one rate of prosecutors to courts.

For justice and freedom, approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE BY
MAINTAINING A ONE-TO-ONE RATIO OF PROSECUTORS TO REGIONAL
COURTS AND SPECIAL CRIME COURTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “**One-to-One Ratio**
2 **of Prosecutors to Courts Act of the Philippines.**”

3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** -- It is hereby declared the policy of the
4 State to maintain peace and order through the speedy and impartial
5 administration of crime justice and the promotion of efficiency, integrity and fair
6 workings of the pillars of the criminal justice system.. Towards the attainment of
7 this policy, it is also declared the policy of the State that the maintenance of a
8 balance between the prosecution and courts in terms of number of prosecutors
9 and number of regional trial and special courts is desirable and necessary.

10 **Sec. 3. Program Framework.** -- Section 3 of Chapter 1, Title III, Justice,
11 Book IV, “The Executive Branch” of Executive Order No. 292 is hereby amended
12 by adding another paragraph as follows:

13 (7) **MAINTAIN THE RATIO OF PROSECUTORS TO REGIONAL TRIAL**
14 **COURTS AND SPECIAL COURTS AND SUCH OTHER COURTS**

1 **THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO LAW ON A ONE-**
2 **TO-ONE RATIO;**

3 (8) [(7)] Provide legal services to the national government and its
4 functionaries, including government-owned or controlled corporations
5 and their subsidiaries; and

6 (9) [(8)] Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.”

7 **Sec. 4. Effectivity.** -- This Act shall take effect ten (10) days after
8 publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,