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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Carnapping is one of the most rampant crimes facing the country today. Despite efforts by law-enforcement agencies to stamp out car theft activities, this problem remains unabated.

It is even more depressing to know that the public officers in charge of registering motor vehicles – the Land Transportation Office – have been suspected to be in connivance with carnappers in processing the registration papers of the stolen vehicles. News reports say that select employees from the LTO office in Quezon City receive P20,000 to P30,000 a month from certain car theft syndicates.

To purge LTO officials suspected to have links with car theft syndicates and to eventually wipe out this abhorrent practice, a form of coddling syndicates, this bill seeks to punish any officer or employee of the said office who is responsible for registering any stolen vehicle.

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

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AN ACT
PUNISHING ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 4136, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. – Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land
2 Transportation and Traffic Code, is hereby amended by inserting a new section
3 57-A to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 57-A. ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LAND
5 TRANSPORTATION OFFICE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
6 REGISTRATION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH
7 A FINE EQUIVALENT TO THE MARKET VALUE OF THE STOLEN
8 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS
9 THAN ONE YEAR NOR MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS, OR BOTH, AT
10 THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT. IN ADDITION THERETO SUCH
11 OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE SHALL BE DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE
12 WITH PREJUDICE TO REINSTATEMENT OR REEMPLOYMENT IN THE
13 GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND BENEFITS OR PRIVILEGES THAT HE
14 MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHALL BE FORFEITED.

15 SEC. 2. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, letters of
16 instructions, rules and regulations, or provisions thereof which are inconsistent

1 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
2 accordingly.

3 SEC. 3. **Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
4 after the completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general
5 circulation.

Approved,