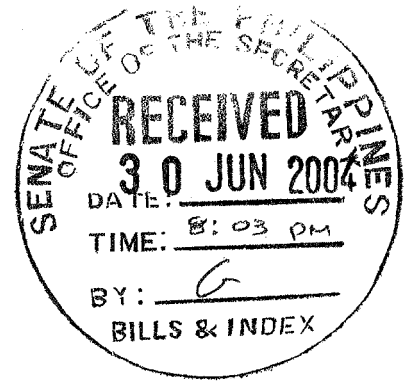


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the newspapers, on television and radio, our people continuously read, watch and hear the continuing appeals of our police agencies to their sense of patriotism and civic pride to report crimes and criminals. In this country of relative mass unemployment and soaring prices, our people have long ago discovered that patriotism and civic pride alone cannot keep body and soul together. This bill provides a remedy — a monetary incentive, a reward, a just and reasonable compensation.

This bill seeks to provide an effective method to detect and subdue law-breakers. At the same time, this bill would generate the much needed funds to help balance a deficit-driven budget and relieve the pressures on our much beleaguered National Treasury; add policemen and undercover agents for our peace agencies without the need of a budgetary outlay; and provide temporary employment and refuge for an equal number of our unemployed citizens.

Approval, therefore, of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.  
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AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM REWARD SYSTEM IN THE CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Any person, a group of persons, define for purposes of this Act as  
2 government-informer, having knowledge of frauds upon and violations of any law of the  
3 Republic of the Philippines, may voluntarily submit, personally or by registered mail to any  
4 responsible government official a sworn statement or affidavit stating the time, place, manner  
5 and other circumstances of any act which is in his best and honest judgment is patently in  
6 violation of the law, or furnishing information which may lead to the arrest and apprehension  
7 of a fugitive or a wanted criminal. For such information, a government informer shall be  
8 entitled to receive compensation or reward as hereinafter provided.

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10           **SECTION 2.** The compensation from the Government of a government-informer  
11 shall be limited to the payment of a reward equivalent to twenty-five *per centum* of the total  
12 revenue collection directly resulting from a sworn statement furnished by a government  
13 informer. The balance of the total revenue collections equivalent to seventy-five *per centum*  
14 shall be used to augment appropriations set aside in the General Appropriations Act to  
15 subsidize and standardize the salaries of policemen. The revenue collections may consist of  
16 the proceeds from the sales of any property forfeited or confiscated, fines, indemnities,  
17 assessments, duties, taxes, fees, surcharges, penalties and compromises.

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19           **SECTION 3.** Private persons and corporations shall pay also a government-informer  
20 a reward equivalent to twenty-five *per centum* of their collections directly resulting from a  
21 sworn statement furnished by a government-informer. The collections of private persons or  
22 corporations may consist of damages, indemnities, contributions, fees and premium refunds,  
23 adjustments, salaries and commissions.

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25           **SECTION 4.** The total revenue collections of the Government and the cash benefits  
26 due private persons and corporation directly resulting from a sworn statement furnished by a  
27 government-informer shall be collected by the Secretary of Finance or his authorized  
28 representatives only upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction after trial and  
29 conviction.

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31           **SECTION 5.** The cash benefits due private persons and corporations and reward due  
32 government-informers shall be tax-exempt and payable promptly, through brokers of their

1 choice and confidence, by the Secretary of Finance or his authorized representatives in the  
2 form of registered Progress Bonds issued by the Development bank of the Philippines which  
3 shall not convertible into cash within five years from the date of issue: *Provided, however,*  
4 That a government-informer may in writing exercise the option to have his reward paid in  
5 cash subject to the payment of income tax, or to have all or any portion thereof donated to the  
6 government to augment the appropriations set aside in the General Appropriations Act to  
7 subsidize and standardize the salaries of the policemen. The broker's commission shall also  
8 be tax exempt if paid in the form of Progress Bonds Certificates.

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10 **SECTION 6.** Should the sworn statement later turn or be proven to be false or have  
11 been made only for the purpose of harassing, molesting or any way prejudicing the person so  
12 denounced, the person so denounced shall be entitled to any action, criminal or civil as the  
13 circumstances and the facts may warrant: *Provided, however,* That the identity of the  
14 government-informer shall not be revealed without his consent except when the sworn  
15 statement is proven to be malicious of false.

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17 **SECTION 7.** Any person violating any provision of this Act shall suffer an  
18 imprisonment for not less than one year and one day to pay a fine of not less than two  
19 thousand pesos (P2,000.00).

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21 **SECTION 8.** Republic Act Numbered Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty  
22 Eight and all other laws providing for the payment of reward to the informers of frauds upon  
23 and violations of any law of the Republic of the Philippines are hereby repealed

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25 **SECTION 9.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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27 Approved,