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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution guarantees that the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequities...and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of men and women.

Hence, this measure de-genderizes Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code by giving every individual equal protection of the law, regardless of sexual category.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is fervently sought.

  
MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.

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**AN ACT**  
**DEGENDERIZING ARTICLE 247 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE,**

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

SECTION 1. Article 247 of The Revised Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Article 247. Death or physical injuries under exceptional circumstances. - Any legally married person who, having surprised his OR HER spouse in the act of committing sexual intercourse with another person, shall kill any of them or both of them in the act or immediately thereafter, or shall inflict upon them any serious physical injury, shall suffer the penalty of *destierro*.

If he OR SHE shall inflict upon them physical injuries of any other kind, he OR SHE shall be exempt from punishment.

These rules shall be applicable, under the same circumstances, to parents with respect to their [daughters] CHILDREN under eighteen years of age, and their seducers, while the [daughters] CHILDREN are living with their parents.

Any person who shall promote or facilitate prostitution of his OR HER [wife] SPOUSE or [daughter] CHILD, or shall otherwise have consented to the infidelity of the other spouse shall not be entitled to the benefits of this article."

SECTION 2. *Effectivity Clause.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*