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According to the Department of Health Assistant Secretary Eric Tayag, there were a total of 914 firework-related injuries during the recent New Year’s celebration, two of which arose from firecracker ingestion, 354 were caused by the illegal firecracker piccolo while 17 were stray bullet cases. On the other hand, in the tally made by the Philippine National Police, number of stray bullet injuries reached to 28.

To prevent this yearly mishap, total ban on the use of firecrackers is necessary. The bill seeks to have an orderly, safe and peaceful celebration of events without risk of injury or death.

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

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“AN ACT BANNING THE USE OF FIRECRACKERS EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS DONE BY PROFESSIONALS”

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "The Firecracker Ban Act of 2014".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - Section 5, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides:

“The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.”

SECTION 3. Prohibition on the use of Firecrackers- The use of firecrackers and/or pyrotechnic devices, in any place, and regardless of any occasion is strictly prohibited except in cases provided by this act.

SECTION 4. Exception on the use of Firecrackers- The use of firecrackers and/or pyrotechnic devices may only be allowed in areas specifically designated and authorized by the head of the local government unit and shall be done only by professionals who are technically equipped with skills and knowledge on the use of firecrackers.

SECTION 5. Penalties. - Any person who violates Section 3 of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P 10,000.00) nor more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00), or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act as hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved;