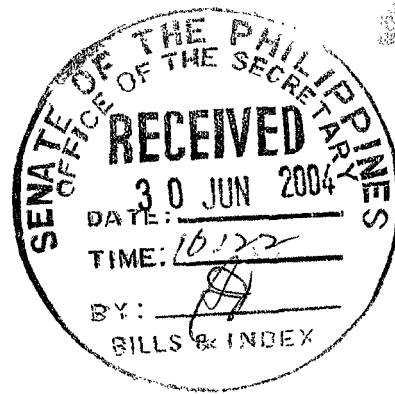


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

All records on the deliberation of the Optical Media Act would reveal that the intention of the legislators in crafting the law was to prevent the proliferation of pirated optical media by regulating the industry at the manufacturing, replication, exportation and importation levels. It was never the intention of the law to include sale and distribution of optical media as among the activities necessitating licensing and registration. However, since the comma between the words optical media and manufacturing equipment was not removed in Section 13 (a), it appeared as if even sale and distribution of optical media are among the regulated activities. Paragraphs (a) & (b) of the law deal with manufacturing equipment parts and accessories, while it is paragraph (c) which deals with optical media itself.

Thus, to correct this typographical error and so as to conform with the intents of the law, Section 13 (a) should accordingly be amended by removing the comma between the words "optical media" and "manufacturing equipment."

Hence, urgent passage of this bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 13 PARAGRAPH (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9239,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OPTICAL MEDIA ACT OF 2003", AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 13, paragraph (a) of RA 9239 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13. Licensing and Registration – Any person, establishment, or entity shall, prior to engaging in one or more of the businesses or activities enumerated hereunder, register with, and secure the appropriate licenses from the OMB:

- (a) Importation, exportation, acquisition, sale or distribution of optical media [,] manufacturing equipment, parts and accessories and manufacturing materials used or intended for use in the mastering, manufacture or replication of optical media;

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SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,