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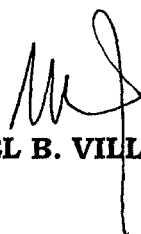
The country's drug problem has worsened. Newspapers carry disturbing stories of rape, robbery and murder daily because of illegal drugs. Authorities have been trying to eradicate the problem, or at least minimize it by dismantling drug laboratories.

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency reported that for 2003, a total of 11 clandestine shabu laboratories were dismantled and P38,868,152,297 worth of illegal drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals and laboratory equipment were seized. Apart from the raids and seizures to address the problem, a review of our existing laws on drugs must be done.

The Probation Law (Presidential Decree No. 968) allows offenders to apply for probation which frees them from serving a jail term. This bill amends section 9 of PD No. 968 by adding provisions to disqualify those convicted of violating the Dangerous Drug Act from applying for probation.

With the approval of this measure, violators of the Dangerous Drugs Act would now serve their jail term, and hopefully, eradicate the drug menace.

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

  
**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**

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**AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 968 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE PROBATION LAW, AS AMENDED**

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 968 as amended by  
presidential Decree No. 1990 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 9. Disqualified offenders. - The benefits of this Decree  
shall not be extended to those:

- a) sentenced to serve a maximum term of imprisonment of  
more than (6) years;
- b) convicted by subversion or any crime against the national  
security or  
the public order;
- c) who have previously convicted by final judgment of an  
offense punished by imprisonment of not less than one  
month and one day and/or a fine of not less than two  
hundred pesos;
- d) who have been once on probation under the provisions of  
this Decree;
- e) who are already serving sentence at the time of the  
substantive provisions of this Decree became applicable  
pursuant to Section 33 hereof;
- f) **WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF THE  
DANGEROUS DRUG ACT OF 1972, AS AMENDED.**

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances,  
rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
circulation.

Approved,