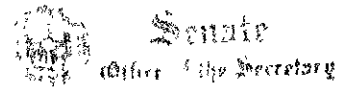


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

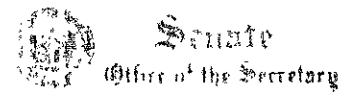
Republic Act No. 8049, also known as the “Hazing Regulation Act” does not require a person, who knows of an ongoing hazing activity, to notify the proper authorities. The failure to report the matter allows acts of violence to go unchecked, which could lead to injury or even death.

This bill seeks to amend the Hazing Regulation Act to penalize the failure to report hazing, in order to ensure the timely notification and intervention of the proper authorities and to deter further acts of hazing.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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

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6 SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 8049, Article 4 is hereby amended by
7 incorporating a new subsection, Article 4-A, to read as follows:

8
9 ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS THAT ANOTHER PERSON
10 IS THE VICTIM OF HAZING AND IS AT THE SCENE OF THE
11 CRIME, SHALL TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PERSON CAN
12 DO SO, WITHOUT DANGER OR PERIL TO HIMSELF OR
13 OTHERS, REPORT SUCH CRIME TO AN APPROPRIATE LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AS SOON AS REASONABLY
15 PRACTICABLE.

16 WHOEVER FAILS TO REPORT SUCH CRIME SHALL, IF
17 ALREADY LIABLE UNDER SECTION FOUR OF THIS ACT, BE
18 IMPOSED THE PENALTY IN ITS MAXIMUM REGARDLESS

1 OF MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES, OR THE ADDITIONAL
2 PENALTY OF A FINE OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND
3 PESOS (P50,000.00) OR BOTH.
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5 A PERSON NOT LIABLE UNDER SECTION 4, WHO IS
6 PRESENT AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, AND WHO
7 FAILED TO REPORT THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH
8 THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE
9 LIABLE AS ACCOMPLICE.
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11 SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision, or part hereof, is held
12 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise
13 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

14 SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
15 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to
16 or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
17 accordingly.

18 SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
19 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

20 Approved.

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