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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to prohibit the sale, manufacture and distribution of gun replicas or replicas of similar other deadly weapons which are easily accessible to the youth and the public. The early exposure of our youth to guns poses danger to their moral formation.

Gun replicas could be easily used to intimidate persons for the furtherance of criminal plans or to carry out petty crimes. Besides the plastic pellets from these toy guns can cause the skin to break on impact and result in a wound.

We already have enough problems brought about by the proliferation of loose firearms. We do not need these replicas which will only complicate the present peace and order situation in this country.

Early approval of this bill is sought.

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OF GUN REPLICAS AND REPLICAS OF OTHER SIMILAR DEADLY WEAPONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Prohibition to sell, manufacture, distribute, or possess gun replicas or replicas of other similar deadly weapons. – The penalty of prision mayor shall be imposed upon any person who shall sell, manufacture, distribute or possess gun replicas or replicas of other similar deadly weapons.

If the violation of this Section is in furtherance of, incident to, or in connection with the commission of any crime, the penalty in its maximum period shall be imposed.

In case of juridical persons, the penalty shall be imposed upon the owner, president, manager, director or other responsible officer of the said firms or corporation or juridical entity. Should the offender be a foreigner, he shall be immediately deported after serving sentence as provided in this Act.

For this purpose, "gun replicas and replicas of other similar deadly weapons" shall be defined as exact copies of guns and other similar dangerous weapons. They may or may not fire a projectile, and every detail from color, finish, shape and weight are identical to real guns and deadly weapons except for the materials used – most are made entirely or partially of plastic but with some metal parts, especially in models that fire plastic bullets.

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Secretary of the Department of Justice in coordination with the Secretaries of the Departments of Interior and Local Government and National Defense shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,