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- PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WITH SENATORS PIMENTEL III, BINAY, RECTO, ANGARA, AQUINO IV, AND EJERCITO AS AUTHORS
- AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION, AND BROADENING THE TAX BASE BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS WITH RESPECT TO ESTATE TAX, OTHER INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES, AND TAX ON DELINQUENCIES AND ADDRESSING CROSS-BORDER TAX EVASION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

| 1 | TITLE I |
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| 2 | PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS |
| 3 | SECTION 1. Short Title This Act shall be known as |
| 4 | the "Tax Amnesty Act of 2018". |

1 SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared 2 the policy of the State to protect and enhance revenue 3 administration and collection that will make the country's 4 tax system more equitable, and to simplify the tax 5 compliance requirements. Towards this end, the State 6 shall:

7 (a) Provide a one-time opportunity to settle estate
8 tax obligations through a tax amnesty program that will
9 give reasonable tax relief;

(b) Broaden the tax base by offering a general tax
amnesty for unpaid internal revenue taxes that would
help cleanse, organize, and improve the Bureau of
Internal Revenue's (BIR) database;

14 (c) Enhance revenue collection by providing tax
15 amnesty on delinquencies in order to minimize
16 administrative cost in pursuing tax cases and de-clog the
17 tax case dockets pending in various courts;

(d) Provide a more equitable tax system by
adopting a comprehensive tax reform program that will
simplify the tax requirements on tax amnesties with the

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| 1 | use of simplified forms, and utilizing information |
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| 2 | technology in broadening the tax base; and |
| 3 | (e) Address and detect cross-border tax evasion by |
| 4 | instituting internationally-accepted standards on |
| 5 | exchange of information. |
| 6 | SEC. 3. Definition of Terms As used in this Act: |
| 7 | (a) Net Estate refers to the gross estate less the |
| 8 | allowable deductions as provided in the Tax Code |
| 9 | applicable at the time of death of the decedent; |
| 10 | (b) Net Undeclared Estate refers to the difference |
| 11 | between the total net estate valued at the time of death |
| 12 | and the net estate previously filed with the BIR, if any; |
| 13 | (c) Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Networth |
| 14 | (SALN) refers to a declaration of the assets, liabilities, |
| 15 | and networth as of December 31, 2017, as follows: |
| 16 | (1) Assets within or without the Philippines, |
| 17 | whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, whether |
| 18 | or not used in trade or business: Provided, That property |
| 19 | other than money shall be valued at the cost at which the |
| 20 | property was acquired: Provided, further, That foreign |

| 1 | currency assets and/or securities shall be valued at the |
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| 2 | rate of exchange prevailing as of the date of the SALN; |
| 3 | (2) All existing liabilities which are legitimate and |
| 4 | enforceable, secured or unsecured, whether or not |
| 5 | incurred in trade or business; and |
| 6 | (3) The networth of the taxpayer, which shall be |
| 7 | the difference between the total assets and total |
| 8 | liabilities. |
| 9 | TITLE II |
| 10 | ESTATE TAX AMNESTY |
| 11 | SEC. 4. Coverage There is hereby authorized and |
| 12 | granted a tax amnesty, hereinafter called Estate Tax |
| 13 | Amnesty, which shall cover the estate of taxpayers who |
| 14 | died on or before December 31, 2017, with or without |
| 15 | assessments duly issued therefor, whose estate taxes |
| 16 | have remained unpaid or have accrued as of December 31, |
| 17 | 2017: Provided, however, That the Estate Tax Amnesty |
| 18 | hereby authorized and granted shall not cover instances |
| 19 | enumerated under Section 8 hereof. |

1 SEC. 5. Availment of the Estate Tax Amnesty. - The legal heirs, transferees or beneficiaries, or the authorized 2 executor/s, administrator/s, who wish to avail of the 3 Estate Tax Amnesty granted under Title II of this Act, 4 shall file with the BIR an Estate Tax Amnesty Return, in 5 such form as may be prescribed in the Implementing 6 Rules and Regulations (IRR) as provided in Section 32 of 7 this Act, and pay the applicable estate amnesty tax with 8 9 the BIR.

10 SEC. 6. Entitlement Under Estate Tax Amnesty. -Except for instances covered by Section 8 hereof, the 11 estate, its heirs and beneficiaries may enjoy the 12 immunities and privileges of the Estate Tax Amnesty 13 under this Title and pay an estate amnesty tax at the rate 14 of six percent (6%) based on the decedent's total net estate 15 at the time of death, if no estate tax return was filed, or 16 net undeclared estate if an estate tax return was 17 previously filed with the BIR. The provisions of the 18 National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended, on 19 valuation, manner of computation, and other related 20

matters shall apply suppletorily, at the time of
 entitlement.

3 SEC. 7. When and Where to File and Pay. - The Estate Tax Amnesty Return shall be filed within two (2) 4 5 years from the effectivity of the IRR. The Return shall be under oath and shall sufficiently contain the particulars 6 of the properties forming part of the estate. It shall be 7 filed at the Revenue District Office (RDO), which has 8 9 jurisdiction over the last residence of the decedent: Provided, That, for non-residents who have properties in 10 11 the Philippines, it shall be filed at Revenue District Office No. 39, or any other Revenue District Office which may be 12 13 indicated in the IRR.

14 The payment of the estate amnesty tax shall be 15 made at the time the return is filed. The Revenue District 16 Officer shall issue an acceptance payment form, in such 17 form as may be prescribed in the IRR of this Act for the 18 authorized agent bank, or in the absence thereof, the 19 collection agent or municipal treasurer concerned, to 20 accept the amnesty tax payment. Proof of settlement of

the estate, whether judicial or extrajudicial, should 1 likewise be attached to said Return in order to verify the 2 mode of transfer and the proper recipients. 3 SEC. 8. Exceptions. - The Estate Tax Amnesty under 4 Title II of this Act shall not extend to the following 5 persons or cases existing as of the effectivity of this Act: 6 (a) Those involving pending cases under the 7 jurisdiction of the Presidential Commission on Good 8 9 Government (PCGG); 10 (b) Those involving pending cases on unexplained or unlawfully acquired wealth or under the Anti-Graft 11 12 and Corrupt Practices Act; (c) Those involving pending cases filed in the 13 appropriate court involving violations of the Anti-Money 14 15 Laundering Law; 16 (d) Those with pending criminal cases for tax evasion and other criminal offenses under Chapter II of 17 Title X of the NIRC, as amended; 18 19 (e) Those involving felonies of frauds, illegal exactions and transactions, and malversation of public 20

funds and property under Chapters III and IV of Title VII
 of the Revised Penal Code; and

3 (f) Tax cases subject of final and executory4 judgment by the courts.

5 SEC. 9. Immunities and Privileges. - Estates covered 6 by the Estate Tax Amnesty, which have fully complied with all the conditions set forth in this Act and upon 7 8 payment of the estate amnesty tax shall be immune from the payment of estate taxes, as well as increments and 9 10 additions thereto, arising from the failure to pay any and all estate taxes for taxable year 2017 and prior years, and 11 from all appurtenant civil, criminal, and administrative 12 13 cases and penalties under the NIRC, as amended.

14 Without prejudice to compliance with applicable 15 laws on succession as a mode of transfer, the BIR, in 16 coordination with the applicable regulatory agencies, 17 shall set up a system enabling the transfer of title over 18 properties to heirs and/or beneficiaries, including cash 19 withdrawals of the heirs on the bank account of the 20 decedent, when applicable.

TITLE III

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GENERAL TAX AMNESTY

SEC. 10. Coverage. - There is hereby authorized 3 and granted a tax amnesty, hereinafter called General 4 Tax Amnesty, which shall cover all national internal 5 revenue taxes, including value-added tax (VAT) and 6 excise taxes collected by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) for 7 8 taxable year 2017 and prior years, with or without 9 assessments duly issued therefore, that have remained 10 Provided, however, That the General Tax unpaid: 11 Amnesty hereby authorized and granted shall not cover 12 persons or cases enumerated under Section 15 hereof.

SEC. 11. Availment of the General Tax Amnesty. –
Any person, natural or juridical, who avails of the
General Tax Amnesty authorized and granted under Title
III of this Act shall file with the BIR a General Tax
Amnesty Return accompanied by a notarized SALN as of
December 31, 2017.

SEC. 12. Contents of the SALN. - The SALN shall
 contain a true and complete declaration of assets,

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liabilities and networth of the taxpayer as of December
 31, 2017, as follows:

3 (a) Assets within or without the Philippines,
4 whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, whether
5 or not used in trade or business:

6 (1) Real properties shall be accompanied by a 7 description of their classification, exact location, and 8 valued at acquisition cost, if acquired by purchase, or the 9 zonal valuation or fair market value as shown in the 10 schedule of values of the provincial, city or municipal 11 assessors, whichever is higher, if acquired through 12 inheritance or donation;

(2) Personal properties other than money, shall be
accompanied by a specific description of the kind and
number of assets (*i.e.* automobiles, shares of stock, etc.) or
other investments, indicating the acquisition cost less
depreciation or amortization, in proper cases, if acquired
by purchase, or the fair market price or value at the time
of receipt, if acquired through inheritance or donation;

(3) Assets denominated in foreign currency shall be
 converted into the corresponding Philippine currency
 equivalent, at the rate of exchange prevailing as of the
 date of the SALN; and

5 (4) Cash on Hand and in Bank in peso as of the 6 date of the SALN, as well as Cash on Hand and in Bank 7 in foreign currency, converted to Philippine peso as of the 8 date of the SALN.

9 (b) All existing liabilities, which are legitimate and 10 enforceable, secured or unsecured, whether or not 11 incurred in trade or business, disclosing or indicating 12 clearly the name and address of the creditor and the 13 amount of the corresponding liability.

14 (c) The total networth of the taxpayer, which shall
15 be the difference between the total assets and total
16 liabilities.

SEC. 13. Entitlement to Tax Amnesty. - Except for
the instances covered in Section 15 hereof, any person,
whether natural or juridical, may avail of the benefits of
tax amnesty under Title III of this Act, and pay an

| 1 | amnesty tax based on the taxpayer's total networth as of |
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| 2 | December 31, 2017 as declared in the SALN filed |
| 3 | pursuant to Section 11 hereof and in accordance with the |
| 4 | following schedule of amnesty tax rates and minimum |
| 5 | amnesty tax payments required: |
| 6 | (a) Individual (whether resident or non-resident |
| 7 | citizens, including resident or non-resident aliens), Trusts |
| 8 | and Estates 5% or P100,000, whichever is higher. |
| 9 | (b) Corporations |
| 10 | (1) With subscribed capital of above P50 million |
| 11 | 5% or P1,000,000, whichever is higher. |
| 12 | (2) With subscribed capital of above P20 million |
| 13 | 5% or P500,000, whichever is higher up to P50 |
| 14 | million. |
| 15 | (3) With subscribed capital of P5 million 5% |
| 16 | or P250,000, whichever is higher up to P20 million. |
| 17 | (4) With subscribed capital of below P5 million |
| 18 | 5% or P100,000, whichever is higher. |
| 19 | (c) Other juridical entities, including, but not |
| 20 | limited to, cooperatives and foundations, that have |
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| 1 | become taxable as of December 31, 2017 5% or |
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| 2 | P100,000, whichever is higher. |
| 3 | Provided, That if the tax amnesty is availed based |
| 4 | on the period indicated hereunder, the corresponding |
| 5 | rates shall apply: |
| 6 | (a) If paid on or before the end of the third calendar |
| 7 | month from the effectivity of the IRR \dots 4.00 %. |
| 8 | (b) If paid after the end of the third calendar month |
| 9 | until the end of the sixth calendar month from the |
| 10 | effectivity of the IRR 4.25%. |
| 11 | (c) If paid after the end of the sixth calendar |
| 12 | month until the end of the ninth calendar month from the |
| 13 | effectivity of the IRR 4.50%. |
| 14 | SEC. 14. When and Where to File and Pay The |
| 15 | filing of the General Tax Amnesty Return shall be made |
| 16 | within one (1) year from the effectivity of the IRR. It shall |
| 17 | be filed at the RDO or the Large Taxpayer District |
| 18 | Offices, which has jurisdiction over the legal residence or |
| 19 | principal place of business of the taxpayer. The Revenue |
| 20 | District Officer shall issue an acceptance of payment |

| 1 | form, in such form as may be prescribed in the IRR of this |
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| 2 | Act for the authorized agent bank or in the absence |
| 3 | thereof, the collection agent or municipal treasurer |
| 4 | concerned, to accept the amnesty payment. |
| 5 | The payment of the general amnesty tax shall be |
| 6 | made at the time the return is filed. |
| 7 | SEC. 15. Exceptions The General Tax Amnesty |
| 8 | provided in Section 13 hereof shall not extend to the |
| 9 | following instances existing as of the effectivity of this |
| 10 | Act: |
| 11 | (a) Withholding tax agents who withheld taxes but |
| 12 | failed to remit the same to the BIR; |
| 13 | (b) Those involving pending cases falling under the |
| 14 | jurisdiction of the PCGG; |
| 15 | (c) Those involving pending cases on unexplained |
| 16 | or unlawfully acquired wealth or under the Anti-Graft |
| 17 | and Corrupt Practices Act; |
| 18 | (d) Those involving pending cases filed in |
| 19 | appropriate court involving violation of the Anti-Money |
| 20 | Laundering Law; |
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1 (e) Those involving pending criminal cases with the 2 Department of Justice or the courts for tax evasion and 3 other criminal offenses under Chapter II of Title X of the NIRC, as amended, with or without assessments duly 4 5 issued: 6 Those involving felonies of frauds, illegal (f) exactions and transactions, and malversation of public 7 8 funds and property under Chapters III and IV of Title VII 9 of the Revised Penal Code; 10 (g) Tax cases subject of final and executory 11 judgment by the courts; and 12 (h) Delinquencies and assessments that have 13 become final and executory. 14 SEC. 16. Presumption of Correctness of the SALN. -The SALN as of December 31, 2017 shall be considered 15 16 as true and correct. 17 SEC. 17. Immunities and Privileges. - Those who avail of the General Tax Amnesty and have fully complied 18 with all the conditions set forth in this Act and upon 19

payment of the amnesty tax shall be entitled to the
 following immunities and privileges:

3 (a) With respect to the years covered by the tax 4 amnesty, the taxpayer shall be immune from the payment of taxes, as well as additions thereto, and from all 5 appurtenant civil, criminal, and administrative cases and 6 penalties under the NIRC, as amended, arising from the 7 failure to pay any and all internal revenue taxes for 8 9 taxable year 2017 and prior years and from such other 10 investigations or suits insofar as they relate to the assets, 11 liabilities, networth and internal revenue taxes that are subject of the tax amnesty. 12

13 (b) Any information or data contained in, derived 14 from or provided by a taxpayer in the tax amnesty return, SALN and appurtenant documents shall be confidential 15 16 in nature and shall not be used in any investigation or 17 prosecution before any judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies. However, the taxpayer may use 18 this as a defense, whenever appropriate, in cases brought 19 20 against him.

| 1 | (c) The books of accounts and other records of the |
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| 2 | taxpayer for the years covered by the tax amnesty availed |
| 3 | of shall not be examined by the BIR: Provided, That the |
| 4 | Commissioner of Internal Revenue may authorize in |
| 5 | writing the examination of the said books of accounts and |
| 6 | other records to verify the validity or correctness of a |
| 7 | claim for any tax refund, tax credit (other than refund or |
| 8 | credit of taxes withheld on wages), tax incentives, and/or |
| 9 | exemptions under existing laws. |
| 10 | All these immunities and privileges shall not apply |
| 11 | when the person failed to file a Tax Amnesty Return and |
| 12 | a SALN. |
| 13 | TITLE IV |
| 14 | TAX AMNESTY ON DELINQUENCIES |
| 15 | SEC. 18. Coverage There is hereby authorized and |
| 16 | granted a tax amnesty herein called the Tax Amnesty on |
| 17 | Delinquencies (TAD), which shall cover all national |
| 18 | internal revenue taxes, including VAT and excise taxes |

collected by the BOC, for taxable year 2017 and prior
 years.

3 For purposes of this Act, the TAD may be availed on4 the following instances:

5 (a) Delinquencies and assessments, which have become final and executory, including delinquent tax 6 account, where the application for compromise is 7 requested on the basis of: (1) doubtful validity of the 8 assessment; or (2) financial incapacity of the taxpayer, 9 10 but the same was denied by the Regional Evaluation 11 Board (REB) or the National Evaluation Board (NEB), as 12 the case may be, on or before the IRR take effect;

(b) Pending criminal cases with the Department of
Justice or the courts for tax evasion and other criminal
offenses under Chapter II of Title X of the NIRC, as
amended, with or without assessments duly issued; and

17 (c) Tax cases subject of final and executory18 judgment by the courts on or before the IRR take effect.

SEC. 19. Availment of the TAD. – Any person,
 natural or juridical, who avails of the TAD authorized and

| 1 | granted under Title IV of this Act, shall file with the BIR |
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| 2 | a TAD Return accompanied by a Certificate of |
| 3 | Delinquency in the manner prescribed by the IRR. |
| 4 | SEC. 20. Entitlement to TAD Any person, |
| 5 | whether natural or juridical, who avails of the TAD shall |
| 6 | pay the following amnesty tax rates: |
| 7 | (a) Delinquencies and assessments which have |
| 8 | become final and executory 40% of the basic tax |
| 9 | assessed. |
| 10 | (b) Subject of pending criminal cases with criminal |
| 11 | information filed with the Department of Justice or the |
| 12 | courts for tax evasion and other criminal offenses under |
| 13 | Chapter II of Title X of the NIRC, as amended, with |
| 14 | assessments duly issued and otherwise excluded in Titles |
| 15 | II and III hereof 50% of the basic tax assessed. |
| 16 | (c) Tax cases subject of final and executory |
| 17 | judgment by the courts 60% of the basic tax |
| 18 | assessed. |
| 19 | For purposes of this section, "Basic Tax Assessed" |
| 20 | shall mean the latest amount of tax assessment issued by |
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the BIR against the taxpayer, whether it be preliminary,
 final or final decision on disputed assessment, exclusive of
 interests, penalties and surcharges.

4 SEC. 21. When and Where to File and Pay. – The 5 filing of the TAD Return shall be made within one (1) 6 year from the effectivity of the IRR. It shall be filed at the 7 office of the RDO, which has jurisdiction over the legal 8 residence or principal place of business of the taxpayer.

9 The payment of the delinquency amnesty tax shall be made at the time the return is filed and in the manner 10 11 prescribed by the IRR. The Revenue District Officer shall issue an acceptance of payment form in such form as may 12 13 be prescribed in the IRR of this Act for the authorized 14 agent bank or in the absence thereof, the collection agent 15 or municipal treasurer concerned, to accept the amnesty 16 tax payment.

17 SEC. 22. Immunities and Privileges. - The tax 18 delinquency of those who avail the TAD and have fully 19 complied with all the conditions set forth in this Act and 20 upon payment of the amnesty tax shall be considered

| 1 | settled and terminated, and the taxpayer shall be |
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| 2 | immune from all suits or actions, including the payment |
| 3 | of said delinquency or assessment, as well as additions |
| 4 | thereto, and from all appurtenant civil, criminal, and |
| 5 | administrative cases, and penalties under the NIRC, as |
| 6 | amended, as such relate to the taxpayer's assets, |
| 7 | liabilities, networth and internal revenue taxes that are |
| 8 | subject of the tax amnesty, and from such other |
| 9 | investigations or suits insofar as they relate to the assets, |
| 10 | liabilities, networth and internal revenue taxes that are |
| 11 | subject of the tax amnesty: Provided, That any notices of |
| 12 | levy, attachments and/or warrants of garnishment issued |
| 13 | against the taxpayer shall be set aside pursuant to a |
| 14 | lifting of notice of levy/garnishment duly issued by the |
| 15 | BIR or its authorized representative: Provided, further, |
| 16 | That the Authority to Cancel Assessment (ATCA) shall be |
| 17 | issued in favor of the taxpayer availing of the TAD. |
| 18 | TITLE V |
| 19 | CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-USE |
| 20 | OF INFORMATION AND DATA |

SEC. 23. Confidentiality and Non-use of Information
 and Data. - Any information or data contained in, derived
 from or provided by a taxpayer in the tax amnesty return,
 SALN and appurtenant documents shall be confidential
 in nature and shall not be used in any investigation or
 prosecution before any judicial, quasi-judicial and
 administrative bodies.

8 Any statement of assets, liabilities and networth, 9 financial statements, information sheets, and any such other statements or disclosures that may have been 10 11 previously submitted by the taxpayer as required by existing laws are deemed to have been amended by the 12 tax amnesty return and/or the SALN filed under this Act 13 14 and may not be the subject of any investigation or 15 prosecution or be used in any investigation or prosecution 16 before any judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative 17 bodies.

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TITLE VI

19 OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

SEC. 24. A new section designated as Section 266-A
 under Chapter X of the NIRC, as amended, is hereby
 inserted to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 266-A. OFFENSES RELATING TO
5 EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION. 6 VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF
7 SECTION 6(F) SHALL BE PUNISHABLE AS
8 FOLLOWS:

9 "(A) ANY OFFICER, OWNER, AGENT, 10 MANAGER, DIRECTOR OR OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF ANY REPORTING FINANCIAL 11 12 INSTITUTION, WHO, BEING REQUIRED IN 13 WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER, 14 WILLFULLY, REFUSES TO SUPPLY THE 15 REQUIRED INFORMATION SHALL BE 16 PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000) BUT 17 18 NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED 19 THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000), OR SUFFER IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN TWO 20

(2) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5)
 YEARS, OR BOTH;

3 "(B) ANY OFFICER, OWNER, AGENT, 4 MANAGER. DIRECTOR OR OFFICER-IN-5 CHARGE OF A REPORTING FINANCIAL 6 INSTITUTION, WHO FAILS TO FILE 7 AND/OR KEEP THE RECORDS REQUIRED 8 WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS ACT, 9 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT 10 LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND 11 PESOS (P100,000). BUT NOT LESS THAN 12 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS 13 (P500,000), OR SUFFER IMPRISONMENT OF 14 NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS BUT NOT 15 MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, OR BOTH;

16 "(C) ANY OFFICER, OWNER, AGENT,
17 MANAGER, DIRECTOR OR OFFICER-IN18 CHARGE OF A REPORTING FINANCIAL
19 INSTITUTION WHO SHALL BE NON20 COMPLIANT WITH ANY OF THE DUE

1 DILIGENCE OBLIGATIONS SHALL BESUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN 2 FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000), BUT 3 4 NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED 5 THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000), OR SUFFER 6 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5) 7 8 YEARS, OR BOTH; AND

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9 "(D) ANY OFFICER, OWNER, AGENT, 10 MANAGER, DIRECTOR OR OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF A REPORTING FINANCIAL 11 INSTITUTION WHO SHALL BE FOUND TO 12 13 HAVE COMMITTED ANY BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY WITHIN THE PURVIEW 14 15 OF THIS ACT, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A 16 FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000) BUT NOT 17 MORE THAN ONE MILLION PESOS 18 19 (P1,000,000), OR SUFFER IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS, BUT 20

1 NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5) YEARS, OR 2 BOTH." 3 SEC. 25. Section 270 of the NIRC, as amended, is 4 hereby further amended to read as follows: 5 "Sec. 270. Unlawful Divulgence of 6 Information. - Except as provided in Sections 7 6(F) and 71 of this Code and Section 26 of 8 Republic Act No. 6388, any officer or employee 9 of the Bureau of Internal Revenue who divulges 10 to any person or makes known in any other 11 manner than may be provided by law 12 information regarding the business, income, or 13 estate of any taxpayer, the secrets, operation, 14 style or work, or apparatus of any manufacturer 15 or producer. confidential information or 16 regarding the business of any taxpayer, 17 knowledge of which was acquired by him in the 18 discharge of his official duties, shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished 19 by a fine of not less than Fifty thousand pesos 20

| 1 | (P50,000) but not more than One hundred |
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| 2 | thousand pesos (P100,000), or suffer |
| 3 | imprisonment of not less than two (2) years but |
| 4 | not more than five (5) years, or both. |
| 5 | "Any officer or employee of the Bureau of |
| 6 | Internal Revenue who divulges or makes known |
| 7 | in any other manner to any person other than |
| 8 | the [requesting foreign] tax authority OF A |
| 9 | TREATY PARTNER information obtained from |
| 10 | banks and financial institutions pursuant to |
| 11 | Section 6(F), knowledge or information acquired |
| 12 | by him in the discharge of his official duties, |
| 13 | shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of |
| 14 | not less than FIVE HUNDRED [Fifty] thousand |
| 15 | pesos (P500,000) [P50,000]) but not more than |
| 16 | One MILLION [hundred thousand] pesos |
| 17 | (P1,000,000) [P100,000]), or suffer |
| 18 | imprisonment of not less than two (2) years but |
| 19 | not more than five (5) years, or both." |

| 1 | SEC. 26. Unlawful Divulgence of Tax Amnesty |
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| 2 | Return and Appurtenant Documents It shall be |
| 3 | unlawful for any person having knowledge of the Tax |
| 4 | Amnesty Return and appurtenant documents, to disclose |
| 5 | any information relative thereto, and any violation hereof |
| 6 | shall be penalized a fine of not less than Fifty thousand |
| 7 | pesos (P50,000) but not more than One hundred thousand |
| 8 | pesos (P100,000) and imprisonment of not less than two |
| 9 | (2) years but not more than five (5) years: Provided, That |
| 10 | if the offender is an officer or employee of the BIR or any |
| 11 | government entity, the penalties under Section 270 of the |
| 12 | NIRC, as amended, shall apply. Provided, further, That |
| 13 | the offender shall likewise suffer an additional penalty or |
| 14 | perpetual disqualification to hold public office. |

15 SEC. 27. Penalties. - The following sanctions and
16 penalties shall apply in case of violations enumerated
17 below:

(a) Any person who, having filed a SALN or Tax
Amnesty Return under Title III of this Act, willfully
understates his total networth to the extent of thirty

percent (30%) or more shall, upon conviction, be subject to 1 2 the penalties of perjury under the Revised Penal Code. (b) The failure to declare any property constituting 3 4 thirty percent (30%) or more of the declared amount in the SALN and/or in the Tax Amnesty Return shall be 5 deemed a prima facie evidence of fraud and shall 6 constitute a ground upon which attachment of such 7 property may be issued in favor of the BIR to answer for 8 the satisfaction of any judgment that may be acquired 9 10 against the declarant.

In addition to the penalties provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, immediate tax fraud investigation shall be conducted to collect all taxes due, including increments, and to criminally prosecute those found to have willfully evaded lawful taxes due.

In the case of associations, partnerships, or corporations, the penalty shall be imposed on the partner, president, general manager, treasurer, officer-in-charge and employees responsible for the violation.

| 1 | TITLE VII |
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| 2 | INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM |
| 3 | AND DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS |
| 4 | SEC. 28. Information Management System For |
| 5 | purposes of enhancing revenue administration, revenue |
| 6 | collection and policy formulation, the Department of |
| 7 | Finance, in coordination with the BIR, Land Registration |
| 8 | Authority, Department of Trade and Industry, Securities |
| 9 | and Exchange Commission, Land Transportation Office, |
| 10 | and other agencies concerned shall institute an |
| 11 | Information Management Program for the effective use of |
| 12 | information declared or obtained from the Tax Amnesty |
| 13 | Returns and SALNs required to be filed under this Act. |
| 4 | If the data requirements consist of information |

14 If the data requirements consist of information 15 found in the income tax return of taxpayers, the 16 requirements under Section 71 of the NIRC, as amended, 17 shall still be complied with. The Information 18 Management System shall also comply with the 19 provisions of Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as

| 1 | the "Data Privacy Act" and such other laws relating to |
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| 2 | confidentiality of information. |
| 3 | SEC. 29. Disposition of Proceeds. – All proceeds from |
| 4 | this Act shall be allocated to augment the appropriations |
| 5 | needed for the social mitigating measures and the BUILD |
| 6 | BUILD BUILD infrastructure projects as provided under |
| 7 | Section 82 of Republic Act No. 10963 or the Tax Reform |
| 8 | for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act. |
| 9 | TITLE VIII |
| 10 | CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE |
| 11 | AND FINAL PROVISIONS |
| 12 | SEC. 30. Report to Oversight Committee The |
| 13 | Commissioner shall submit to the Oversight Committee |
| 14 | referred to in Section 290 of the NIRC as amended |
| 15 | through the Chairpersons of the Committee on Ways and |
| 16 | Means of the Senate of the Philippines and House of |
| 17 | Representatives, a detailed report on the implementation |
| 18 | of this Act within six (6) months after the one (1) year |
| 19 | period of availment of the General Tax Amnesty and TAD |

and the two-(2) year availment of the Estate Tax Amnesty
 under this Act.
 SEC. 31. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The
 Secretary of Finance shall, in coordination with the

Commissioner of Internal Revenue, promulgate and
publish the necessary rules and regulations within ninety
(90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

8 SEC. 32. Repealing Clause. - All other laws, acts, 9 presidential decrees, rules and regulations or parts 10 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are 11 hereby expressly repealed, amended or modified 12 accordingly.

13 SEC. 33. Separability Clause. – If any provision of 14 this Act is subsequently declared invalid or 15 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts which 16 are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and 17 effect.

18 SEC. 34. Effectivity. - This Act shall be effective
19 upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in any

two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever
 comes earlier.

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