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S.B. No. 1802

Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

AN ACT
INCREASING THE PENALTY IMPOSED AGAINST POLLUTERS OF OUR
NAVIGABLE WATERS BY AMENDING SECTION 7 OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 979 PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 600 GOVERNING MARINE POLLUTION

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Presidential Decree No. 979 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 7. Penalties for Violations. – Any person who violates Section 4 of this Decree or any regulations prescribed in pursuance thereof, shall be liable for a fine of not less than [Two hundred pesos nor more than Ten thousand pesos] **FIVE MILLION PESOS (Php5,000,000.00)** or by imprisonment of not less than [thirty days] **EIGHT (8) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY** nor more than [one year] **TWELVE (12) YEARS** or both such fine and imprisonment, for each offense, without prejudice to the civil liability of the offender in accordance with existing laws.

Any vessel from which oil or other harmful substances are discharged in violation of Section 4 or any regulation prescribed in pursuance thereof, shall be liable for the penalty or fine specified in this section, and clearance of such vessel from the port of the Philippine Coast Guard shall provide in its rules and regulations such reasonable administrative penalties as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this decree.

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. – All provisions of laws, orders, decrees, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,