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CRIMINALIZING THE CREATION AND DISSEMINATION OF FAKE NEWS FOR
THE PROTECTION FROM ONLINE FALSEHOODS AND MANIPULATION,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than ninety percent (90%) or nine (9) out of ten (10) of Filipinos consider fake news as a problem. This is not unique to the Philippines. The proliferation of misinformation and disinformation is a worldwide problem. The United Nations Human Rights Council even adopted a resolution that noted "with concern the increasing and far-reaching negative impact on the enjoyment and realization of human rights of the deliberate creation and dissemination of false or manipulated information intended to deceive and mislead audiences, either to cause harm or for personal gain or to cause damage to another party¹."

In this light, this proposal seeks to criminalize the reaction and dissemination of fake news. This move is to protect the public from online falsehoods and manipulation. If passed into law, creation and dissemination of fake news will be classified as a cybercrime.

In consideration of the welfare of the people against falsehoods, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

¹ Accessed: 2022, Dec. 5. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/04/1115412>



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

1 Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10175 otherwise known as the
2 "Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012" is hereby amended to include:

3 "xxx

4 **"(M) FAKE NEWS REFERS TO MISINFORMATION AND**
5 **DISINFORMATION OF STORIES, FACTS AND NEWS WHICH IS**
6 **PRESENTED AS A FACT, THE VERACITY OF WHICH CANNOT BE**
7 **CONFIRMED, WITH THE PURPOSE OF DISTORTING THE TRUTH**
8 **AND MISLEADING ITS AUDIENCE."**

9 Sec. 2. All succeeding subsection under Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10175
10 shall be renumbered accordingly.

11 Sec. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10175 otherwise known as the Cybercrime
12 Prevention Act of 2012 is hereby amended to include:

13 "xxx

14 "(c) Content-related offenses:

15 "xxx

1 **“(5) FAKE NEWS – THE CREATION AND DISSEMINATION**
2 **OF FAKE NEWS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3 HEREOF, COMMITTED**
3 **THROUGH A COMPUTER SYSTEM OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR**
4 **MEANS WHICH MAY BE DEvised IN THE FUTURE.”**

5 Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
7 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

8 Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
9 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to, or
10 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended
11 accordingly.

12 Sec. 16. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,