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**AN ACT
ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY"**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The imposition of the penalty of death is hereby prohibited.
2 Accordingly, Republic Act No. Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven (R.A.
3 8177), otherwise known as the Act Designating Death by Lethal Injection, is hereby
4 repealed. Republic Act No. Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine (R.A. 7659),
5 otherwise known as the Death Penalty Law, and all other laws, executive or
6 administrative orders, decrees, rules and regulations, insofar as they impose the death
7 penalty are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

8 **SEC. 2.** In lieu of the death penalty, the following shall be imposed:

- 9 (a) the penalty of *reclusion perpetua*, when the law violated makes use of the
10 nomenclature of the penalties of the Revised Penal Code; or
11 (b) the penalty of life imprisonment, when the law violated does not make use
12 of the nomenclature of the penalties of the Revised Penal Code.

13 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2)
14 national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,