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Senate Bill No. **1574**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the newspapers, on television and radio, our people continuously read, watch and hear the continuing appeals of our police agencies to their sense of patriotism and civic pride to report crimes and criminals. In this country of relative mass unemployment and soaring prices, our people have long ago discovered that patriotism and civic pride alone cannot keep body and soul together. This bill provides a remedy – a monetary incentive, a reward, a just and reasonable compensation.

This bill seeks to provide an effective method to detect and subdue law-breakers. At the same time, this bill would generate the much needed funds to help balance a deficit-driven budget and relieve the pressures on our much beleaguered National Treasury; add policemen and undercover agents for our peace agencies without the need of a budgetary outlay; and provide temporary employment and refuge for an equal number of our unemployed citizens.

Approval, therefore, of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM REWARD SYSTEM IN THE CAMPAIGN
AGAINST CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS

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

1 SECTION 1. Any person, a group of persons, define for purposes of this Act
2 as government-informer, having knowledge of frauds upon and violations of any law
3 of the Republic of the Philippines, may voluntarily submit, personally or by registered
4 mail to any responsible government official a sworn statement or affidavit stating the
5 time, place, manner and other circumstances of any act which is in his best and
6 honest judgment is patently in violation of the law, or furnishing information which
7 may lead to the arrest and apprehension of a fugitive or a wanted criminal. For such
8 information, a government informer shall be entitled to receive compensation or
9 reward as hereinafter provided.

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11 SECTION 2. The compensation from the Government of a government-
12 informer shall be limited to the payment of a reward equivalent to twenty-five *per*
13 *centum* of the total revenue collection directly resulting from a sworn statement
14 furnished by a government informer. The balance of the total revenue collections
15 equivalent to seventy-five *per centum* shall be used to augment appropriations set
16 aside in the General Appropriations Act to subsidize and standardize the salaries of
17 policemen. The revenue collections may consist of the proceeds from the sales of
18 any property forfeited or confiscated, fines, indemnities, assessments, duties, taxes,
19 fees, surcharges, penalties and compromises.

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21 SECTION 3. Private persons and corporations shall pay also a government-
22 informer a reward equivalent to twenty-five *per centum* of their collections directly
23 resulting from a sworn statement furnished by a government-informer. The
24 collections of private persons or corporations may consist of damages, indemnities,
25 contributions, fees and premium refunds, adjustments, salaries and commissions.

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27 SECTION 4. The total revenue collections of the Government and the cash
28 *benefits due private persons and corporation directly resulting from a sworn*
29 *statement furnished by a government-informer shall be collected by the Secretary of*

1 Finance or his authorized representatives only upon the order of a court of
2 competent jurisdiction after trial and conviction.

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4 SECTION 5. The cash benefits due private persons and corporations and
5 reward due government-informers shall be tax-exempt and payable promptly,
6 through brokers of their choice and confidence, by the Secretary of Finance or his
7 authorized representatives in the form of registered Progress Bonds issued by the
8 Development bank of the Philippines which shall not convertible into cash within five
9 years from the date of issue: *Provided, however,* That a government-informer may
10 in writing exercise the option to have his reward paid in cash subject to the payment
11 of income tax, or to have all or any portion thereof donated to the government to
12 augment the appropriations set aside in the General Appropriations Act to subsidize
13 and standardize the salaries of the policemen. The broker's commission shall also
14 be tax exempt if paid in the form of Progress Bonds Certificates.

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16 SECTION 6. Should the sworn statement later turn or be proven to be false
17 or have been made only for the purpose of harassing, molesting or any way
18 prejudicing the person so denounced, the person so denounced shall be entitled to
19 any action, criminal or civil as the circumstances and the facts may warrant:
20 *Provided, however,* That the identity of the government-informer shall not be
21 revealed without his consent except when the sworn statement is proven to be
22 malicious of false.

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24 SECTION 7. Any person violating any provision of this Act shall suffer an
25 imprisonment for not less than one year and one day to pay a fine of not less than
26 two thousand pesos (P2,000.00).

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28 SECTION 8. Republic Act Numbered Two Thousand Three Hundred and
29 Thirty Eight and all other laws providing for the payment of reward to the informers
30 of frauds upon and violations of any law of the Republic of the Philippines are
31 hereby repealed

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33 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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35 Approved,