

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on OCT 03 2007

Re: Senate Bill No. 1697 prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 288 and 1618

Sponsors: Senators Escudero, Gordon and Villar

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Justice and Human Rights to which were referred Senate Bill No. 288, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled:

**"AN ACT PUNISHING THE SNATCHING OF MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER RELATED GADGETS"**

and Senate Bill No. 1618, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

**"AN ACT PUNISHING CELLPHONE THEFT"**

has considered the bills and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1697, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**"AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 288 and 1618 with Senators Gordon, Villar and Escudero as authors thereof.

Respectfully Submitted:



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**AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES**

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Anti- Theft and
- 2 Robbery of Portable Telecommunication Devices Act of 2007.”
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- 4 Sec. 2. Definition. - Portable telecommunication device shall refer to cellular telephones,
- 5 personal digital assistants, portable computers, two-way very high frequency (VHF) or
- 6 ultra high frequency (UHF) radios and other portable communication equipments
- 7 utilized to transmit messages, documents, photos, images, videos, or information through
- 8 air, radio or satellite frequencies.
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- 10 Sec. 3. Penal Provision. – Any person convicted of the crime of theft and robbery as
- 11 defined under chapters one and three of Title Ten of the Revised Penal Code of a portable
- 12 telecommunication device shall be punished by the penalty next higher in degree than
- 13 those respectively specified in the aforementioned articles; *Provided*, that the additional
- 14 penalty specified herein shall no longer be made applicable if the imposable penalty is in
- 15 its maximum period.
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- 17 Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other
- 18 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed
- 19 or modified accordingly.
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- 21 Sec. 5. Separability Clause. – If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
- 22 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and
- 23 effect.

1           Sec. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following  
2 the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazzette or in a newspaper of  
3 general circulation in the Philippines.

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5           *Approved*