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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree No. 1866 codifies the laws on illegal/unlawful possession, manufacture, dealing in, acquisition or disposition, of firearms, ammunition or explosives or instruments used in the manufacture of firearms, ammunition or explosives. It also imposes stiffer penalties for certain violations thereof and for relevant purposes.

However, this law does not contain any provision that makes it unlawful for any person to manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive firearms that are not detectable by metal detectors used by police and military authorities.

If these non-detectable firearms will not be prohibited, metal detectors particularly those used in airports and seaports will be of no purpose at all for the public's security and safety.

Moreover, the unchecked proliferation of such non-detectable firearms will be especially useful to terrorists in aiding them to perpetrate their terroristic activities.

As such, this proposed measure seeks to prohibit the manufacture, importation, sale, shipping, delivery, possession, transfer and receipt of such non-detectable firearms.

The immediate enactment of this bill is hereby sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
PROHIBITING NON-DETECTABLE FIREARMS,  
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Non-Detectable  
2 Firearms Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4 protect public security and safety by prohibiting certain firearms especially useful to  
5 terrorists.

6 SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms

7 a) “major component” means with respect to a firearm, the barrel, the slide or  
8 cylinder, to the frame or receiver of the firearms;

9 b) “firearm” does not include the frame or receiver of any such weapon;

10 c) “security exemplar” means an object, to be fabricated at the direction of  
11 the Secretary of National Defense, that is—

12 1) constructed of, during the 12-month period beginning on the date  
13 of the enactment of this Act; and

14 2) suitable for testing and calibrating metal detectors.

15 SEC. 4. *Prohibitions.* – It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture,  
16 import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive any firearm—

17 a) that, after the removal of grips, stocks and magazines, is not detectable  
18 as the security exemplar, by walk-through metal detectors calibrated and  
19 operated to detect the security exemplar;

20 b) any major component of which, when subjected to inspection by the type  
21 of x-ray machines commonly used at airports, does not generate an  
22 image that accurately depicts the shape of the component.

1           SEC. 5. *Penalties.* – Any person found violating the provisions of this Act  
2 shall be penalized with a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos  
3 (P100,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than six (6) months, or both at the  
4 discretion of the court. If the offense is committed by a corporation, trust, firm,  
5 partnership or association or other entity, the penalty shall be imposed upon the  
6 guilty officer or officers of such corporation, trust, firm, partnership or association or  
7 entity.

8           SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations  
9 or part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
10 modified accordingly.

11           SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its complete  
12 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

13           Approved,