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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to ban the manufacture, sale and use of all types of firecrackers in the highest interest of public health, public safety, order and national security.

Cities or municipalities, through their respective Sanggunian, may, however, designate specific places for pyrotechnic displays to commemorate religious or public holidays for periods not exceeding two days.

The past years' celebration of the Yuletide Season and other festivities using firecrackers had once again showed the extreme danger and tragedies to life, limb and properties.

No amount of safety reminders from health and law enforcement authorities can prevent accidents from occurring when revelers handle firecrackers or pyrotechnics because of their highly perilous nature. The proliferation of substandard or defective firecrackers or pyrotechnics exposes the people to accidents and injuries. Moreover, firecrackers are extremely dangerous because they are made up of the same materials used in explosives, bombs and other armaments.

In view thereof, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



**AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.**

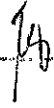
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**AN ACT BANNING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND USE OF ALL KINDS  
OF FIRECRACKERS**

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

SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to safeguard the life and property of the people from danger and destruction. The State adopts a policy of ensuring that the health and well-being of the people are its primary concern. The manufacture, sale and use of firecrackers pose danger not only to property, but most especially to the health, well-being and life of the people.

SECTION 2. *Ban.* There shall be a ban on the manufacture, sale and use of firecrackers or pyrotechnics consistent with and in furtherance of, public health, public safety, order and national security.

SECTION 3. *Exception.* The Sangguniang Bayan of municipalities or Sangguniang Panlungsod of cities may designate specific places for pyrotechnic displays to commemorate religious or public holidays for periods not exceeding two days.

SECTION 4. *Phase-out period.* Six (6) months upon the effectivity of this Act, all manufacturers of firecrackers or pyrotechnics shall coordinate with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Firearms and Explosives Unit for the proper disposal of all firecrackers and its component materials.

SECTION 5. *Penalty Clause.* Any person who manufactures, sells or uses firecrackers or pyrotechnics in violation of this Act, shall suffer the penalty of Reclusion Temporal and a fine not exceeding five (5) million pesos.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, orders, decrees, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,