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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 is a laudable piece of legislation. It seeks to protect our people, especially our women and children for being trafficked abroad for forced labor and servitude.

Moreover, their work exposes them to a lot of danger as they may have to deal with dangerous criminal offenders. They also may be assigned to areas which may expose them to a lot of risks. This bill seeks to improve and promote the social and economic status of our probation and parole workers as well as their living and working conditions, terms of employment, professional growth, and career advancement.

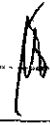
This bill seeks to amend Section 10 of Republic Act 9208 by providing stiffer penalties to government officials and employees who would aid scrupulous individuals to traffic humans.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9208 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT OF 2003

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 10 (a), (b), and (d) of Republic Act 9208, otherwise known
2 as the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **"Section 10. Penalties and Sanctions.** - The following penalties and sanctions are
4 hereby established for the offenses enumerated in this Act:

5 (a) Any person found guilty of committing any of the acts enumerated in
6 Section 4 shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of twenty (20) years,
7 **TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS IF THE PERSON INVOLVED IS AN**
8 **OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT**, and a fine of
9 not less than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) but not more than Two
10 million pesos (P2,000,000.00);

11 (b) Any person found guilty of committing any of the acts enumerated in
12 Section 5 shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of fifteen (15) years,
13 **TWENTY (20) YEARS IF THE PERSON INVOLVED IS AN**
14 **OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT**, and a fine of
15 not less than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than
16 One million pesos (P1,000,000.00);

17 (c) XXX

18 (d) Any person who violates Section 7 hereof shall suffer the penalty of
19 imprisonment of six (6) years, **TEN (10) YEARS IF THE PERSON**

1 **INVOLVED IS AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE**
2 **GOVERNMENT**, and a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos
3 (P500,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00);

4 (e) XXX

5 (f) XXX

6 (g) XXX

7 (h) XXX

8 (i) XXX.”

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10 **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or
11 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
12 remain valid and subsisting.

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14 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decree or issuance, executive
15 orders, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule and regulation contrary to, or
16 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended
17 accordingly.

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19 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the
20 date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever is
21 earlier.

Approved,