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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Leaving a child unattended in a car can too often have tragic consequences, either because the child suffers from exposure to excessive heat, is injured when the car is stolen, releases the emergency brake, inadvertently starts the car, or puts the car in gear.

Parents and caregivers know it is not safe to leave children home alone and unattended, but they continue to leave children unattended in a car even though it is just as dangerous, or more so. Accordingly, the legislature must declare that it is the policy of the State that children should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances. Stronger laws would also give law enforcement a preventive tool with which to work, similar to the affect of seat belt and child safety seat laws. *

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1 2	AN ACT · TO PROHIBIT UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES					
3 4	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:					
5	SECTION 1. Unattended Children in Motor Vehicles. A parent, legal guardian, or other					
6	person responsible for a child or children who are eight years of age or younger shall not leave					
7	such child or children inside a motor vehicle without supervision by a person who is fourtee					
8	years of age or older under one or more of the following circumstances:					
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10	A) Under conditions presenting a significant risk to the child's health or safety;					
11	B) The engine of the motor vehicle is running; or					
12	C) The keys to the motor vehicle are anywhere in the passenger compartment of the					
13	motor vehicle.					
14	SECTION 2. Penalty - Any violation of section 1 of this Act shall be punishable by a					
15	penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (P5, 000.00) for the first offense, Ten Thousand Pesos (P10					
16	000.00) for the second offense, and confiscation of the offender's driver's license and a fine of					
17	Fifty thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) upon the third and final offense.					

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

- 1 SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
- 2 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not
- 3 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- 4 SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
- 5 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
- 6 Approved,