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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The advent of technology has led to better toys for our children. Unfortunately such technology is being abused by certain persons to perpetrate crimes. Some criminals are able to commit robbery, coercion and even rape using toy guns that are exact replicas of the gun. Since these are just toy guns, any person can just buy them in any toy store.

We need to stop this misuse of toy gun by requiring the toy manufacturers to place distinctive markings that would allow us to easily distinguish a toy gun from a real one.

This bill seeks to mandate the Department of Trade and Industry to create an acceptable standard on distinctive marking for toy guns and implement such standards to the toy manufacturers. ¹

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1 AN ACT
2 TO REQUIRE THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION TO PRESCRIBE
3 RULES REQUIRING DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS ON TOY AND LOOK-ALIKE FIREARMS
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
6 *Congress assembled:*

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Toy Gun Safety Marking
8 Act.”

9 SECTION 2. *Definition.* – The purposes of this Act, the term “Look-Alike Firearm”
10 means any imitation of any original firearm which was manufactured, designed, and produced,
11 including toy guns, water guns, replica nonguns, and air-soft guns firing nonmetallic projectiles.
12 Such term does not include any look-alike, nonfiring, collector replica of an antique firearm, or
13 traditional BB, paint-ball, or pellet-firing air guns that expel a projectile through the force of air
14 pressure.

15 SECTION 3. *Mandatory Standard for Making Toy Firearms.* – Not later than one year
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall
17 promulgate a final consumer product safety rule that provides for a distinctive marking or device
18 for any toy, look-alike, or imitation firearm to distinguish the look-alike firearm from a firearm.
19 DTI may waive the requirement of any such marking or device for any toy, look-alike, or
20 imitation firearm that will only be used in the theatrical, movie, or television industry.

1 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
3 valid and subsisting.

4 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
5 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
6 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

7 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

9 Approved,

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