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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippines, there is no law prohibiting the manufacture or production of toy, look-a-like, or imitation firearms which can be used by lawless elements in the commission of crimes against persons. Thus, the production and manufacture of such look-alike firearms contribute to the ever-increasing criminality in the country.

This bill seeks to regulate the manufacture or production of look-alike firearms unless such imitation firearms are approved by the Department of Trade and Industry.¹

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1 AN ACT
2 PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF IMITATION FIREARMS

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

6 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Anti Look-Alike Firearms
7 Act."

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9 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to
10 protect the well-are of its citizen by regulating the manufacture and sale of look-alike firearms.

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12 SECTION 3. *Definition of a Look-Alike Firearm.* -For purposes of this Act, a look-alike
13 firearm is any imitation of any original firearm which was manufactured, designed and produced
14 since 1898, including toy guns, water guns, replica non-guns, and air soft guns firing nonmetallic
15 projectiles.

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17 SECTION 4. *Acts Prohibited.* - It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sale,
18 ship, transport, or receive any toy, look-alike, or imitation firearm unless such firearm contains,
19 or has affixed to it, a marking approved by the Secretary of Trade and Industry, as provided in
20 Section 5 hereof.

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22 SECTION 5. *Distinctive Markings for Toys, Look-alike, and Imitation Firearms;*
23 *Exception: Waiver: Adjustment and Changes.* - Except as provided below, each toy, look-alike,
24 or imitation firearm shall have as an integral part, permanently affixed, a blaze orange plug

1 inserted in the barrel of such toy, look-alike or imitation firearm. Such plug shall be recessed no
2 more than 6 millimeters from the muzzle end of the barrel of such firearm.

3 The Secretary of Trade and Industry may provide for an alternative marking or device for
4 any toy, look-alike, or imitation firearm not capable of being marked and may waive the
5 requirement of any such marking or device for any toy, look-alike, or imitation firearm that will
6 only be used in theatrical, movie, or television industry.

7 The Secretary is likewise authorized to make adjustments and changes in the marking
8 system provided for by this section, after consulting with interested persons.

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10 SECTION 6. *Study of Criminal Misuse of Toy, Look-Alike and Imitation Firearms;*
11 *Report.* - The PNP Director is authorized and directed to conduct a technical evaluation of the
12 marking systems provided for in this Act to determine their effectiveness in police combat
13 situations. The Director shall begin the study within three months after the effectivity of this Act.

14 The PNP Director is authorized and directed to conduct a study of the criminal misuse of
15 toy, look-alike, or imitation firearms, including studying police report of such incidences and
16 shall report incidences relative to marked and unmarked firearms.

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18 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
19 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
20 valid and subsisting.

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22 SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
23 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
24 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

25 SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
26 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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28 Approved.