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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 27 of Article II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies) states that:

“The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.”

It is in this light that Republic Act No. 7080 was crafted into law in 1991. Two years later, the aggregate amount or total value of Seventy-five million pesos (P75,000,000.00) which is the minimum amount by which a public officer can be charged with plunder, was reduced to Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) by virtue of Republic Act No. 7659.

This bill seeks to amend the above by further reducing the said amount to Twenty-five million pesos (P25,000,000.00). It is never the intention of this bill to convey the message that there is an allowable amount for corruption. On the other hand, this measure aims to send a stern warning to corrupt public officers that their days are numbered.

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


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT DEFINING AND
PENALIZING THE CRIME OF PLUNDER"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7659, as amended, otherwise known as "An Act Defining and Penalizing the Crime of Plunder" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 12. Definition of the Crime of Plunder; Penalties. – Any public officer who, by himself or in connivance with members of his family, relatives by affinity or consanguinity, business associates, subordinates or other persons, amasses, accumulates or acquires ill-gotten wealth through a combination or series of overt or criminal acts as described in Section 1(d) hereof, in the aggregate amount or total value of at least [Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00)] **TWENTY-FIVE MILLION PESOS (P25,000,000.00)**, shall be guilty of the crime of plunder and shall be punished by reclusion perpetua to death. Any person who participated with the said public officer in the commission of an offense contributing to the crime of plunder shall likewise be punished for such offense. In the imposition of penalties, the degree of participation and the attendance of mitigating and extenuating circumstances, as provided by the Revised Penal Code, shall be considered by the court. The court shall declare any and all ill-gotten wealth and their interests and other incomes and assets including the properties and shares of stock derived from the deposit or investment thereof forfeited in favor of the State."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever date comes earlier.

Approved,