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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 from being trafficked abroad for forced labor and servitude.

With the advent problem of recession around the world, Filipinos now are more vulnerable to traffickers for economic exploitation due to poverty. It is said that international trafficking is more profitable than international weapons trading. It is no wonder why some people take part in this illegal activity, even some government officials and employees, despite the fact that it is their duty to protect and ensure their general welfare.

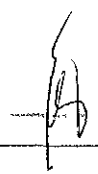
This bill seeks to amend Section 10 of Republic Act 9208 by providing stiffer penalties to government officials and employees who would aid scrupulous individuals in the conduct of the illegal act of human trafficking.

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 **EXCEPT THAT THE PENALTY OF IMPISONMENT SHALL BE**  
8 **TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS IN CASE THE OFFENDER IS AN**  
9 **OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT**, and a fine of  
10 not less than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) but not more than Two  
11 million pesos (P2,000,000.00);

12           (b) Any person found guilty of committing any of the acts enumerated in  
13 Section 5 shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of fifteen (15) years,  
14 **EXCEPT THAT THE PENALTY OF IMPISONMENT SHALL BE**  
15 **TWENTY (20) YEARS IN CASE THE OFFENDER IS AN OFFICIAL**  
16 **OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT**, and a fine of not less than  
17 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than One million  
18 pesos (P1,000,000.00);

19           (c) XXX

1 (d) Any person who violates Section 7 hereof shall suffer the penalty of  
2 imprisonment of six (6) years, **EXCEPT THAT THE PENALTY OF**  
3 **IMPISONMENT SHALL BE TEN (10) YEARS IN CASE THE**  
4 **OFFENDER IS AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE**  
5 **GOVERNMENT**, and a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos  
6 (P500,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00);

7 (e) XXX

8 (f) XXX

9 (g) XXX

10 (h) XXX

11 (i) XXX.”

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

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

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

Approved,