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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 58							
Submitted by SEP 2 2 2011	the Con	ımittee on	Justice	and	Human	Rights	on
Re: S. No	2972						
Recommending it	s approval i	n substitutio	n of Senate	Bill N	os. 705, 1	140, 1335	and
Sponsor: Senator	Escudero						

#### MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Justice and Human Rights to which were referred S. No. 705, introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada, entitled:

## "AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES"

S. No. 1140, introduced by Senator Manny Villar, entitled:

### "AN ACT PUNISHING CELLPHONE THEFT"

S. No. 1335, introduced by Senator Loren Legarda, entitled:

## "AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES"

And S.No. 2365, introduced by Senator Francis G. Escudero, entitled:

## "AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES"

has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2972 prepared by the Committee, entitled:

# "AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS"

be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 705, 1140, 1335 and 2365, with Senators Ejercito-Estrada, Villar, Legarda *and* Escudero, as authors thereof.

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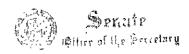
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### PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Theft and Robbery of Portable Telecommunication Devices and Portable Computers Act of 2011".

### SEC. 2. Definition of Terms:

- (a) "Portable telecommunication device" shall refer to a device utilized to transmit, emit or receive voice, data, electronic messages, text, written or printed matter, fixed or moving pictures or images, words, music or visible or audible signals or sounds, or any information, intelligence and/or control signals of any design/format and for the purpose of accessing public telecommunication services by wire, radio, spectral, visual/optical/light, or other electronic, electromagnetic and technological means including but not limited to cellular cellphones, two-way very high frequency (VHF) or ultra high frequency (UHF) radios.
- (b) "Portable Computer" shall refer to a variety of electronic devices that is capable of accepting data, programs and/or instructions, executing the programs and/or instructions to process the data and presenting the results, such as but not limited to laptops, notebooks..
- SEC. 3. Penal Provision. Any person convicted of the crime of theft and robbery as defined under Chapters One (1) and Three (3) of Title Ten of the Revised Penal Code of a portable communication device or portable computer shall be punished by the penalty next higher in degree than those respectively specified in the aforementioned articles; Provided, that the additional penalty specified herein shall no longer be made applicable if the imposable penalty is in its maximum period.
- SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

- SEC. 5. Separability Clause. If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.
  - SEC. 6. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

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