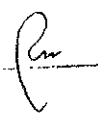


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 58

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on
SEP 22 2011.

Re: S. No. 2972.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 705, 1140, 1335 and 2365

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Justice and Human Rights to which were referred S. No. 705, introduced by Senator Jingoy 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:

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

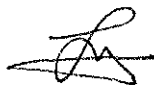
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has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2972 prepared by the Committee, entitled:

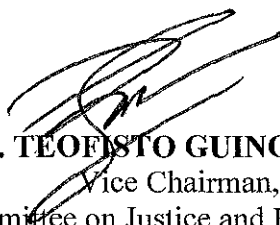
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be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 705, 1140, 1335 and 2365, with Senators Ejercito-Estrada, Villar, Legarda *and* Escudero, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



SEN. FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO
Chairman,
Committee on Justice and Human Rights

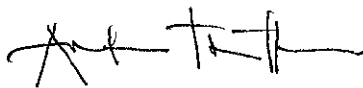


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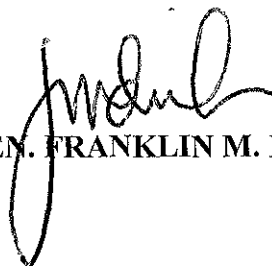
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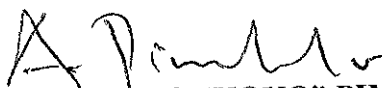
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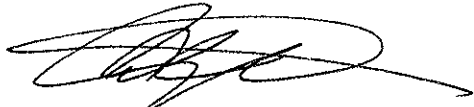


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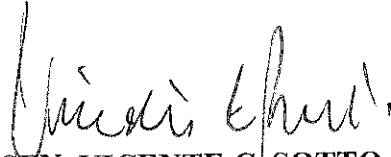


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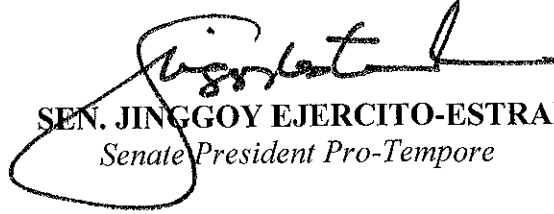
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1 **AN ACT**
2 **PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY**
3 **OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS**

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Anti-Theft and Robbery of
5 Portable Telecommunication Devices and Portable Computers Act of 2011”.

6 SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms:*

- 7 (a) “Portable telecommunication device” shall refer to a device utilized to transmit, emit or
8 receive voice, data, electronic messages, text, written or printed matter, fixed or moving
9 pictures or images, words, music or visible or audible signals or sounds, or any
10 information, intelligence and/or control signals of any design/format and for the purpose
11 of accessing public telecommunication services by wire, radio, spectral,
12 visual/optical/light, or other electronic, electromagnetic and technological means
13 including but not limited to cellular cellphones, two-way very high frequency (VHF) or
14 ultra high frequency (UHF) radios.
15 (b) “Portable Computer” shall refer to a variety of electronic devices that is capable of
16 accepting data, programs and/or instructions, executing the programs and/or instructions
17 to process the data and presenting the results, such as but not limited to laptops,
18 notebooks..

19 SEC. 3. *Penal Provision.* Any person convicted of the crime of theft and robbery as
20 defined under Chapters One (1) and Three (3) of Title Ten of the Revised Penal Code of a
21 portable communication device or portable computer shall be punished by the penalty next
22 higher in degree than those respectively specified in the aforementioned articles; *Provided,* that
23 the additional penalty specified herein shall no longer be made applicable if the impossible
24 penalty is in its maximum period.

25 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other
26 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
27 modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
2 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

3 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the
4 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
5 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,