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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 80		
Submitted by the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Justice, and Human Rights; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs on		
Re: Senate Bill No3003		
Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2484 and 2783 taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 82 and 461		
Sponsors: Senator Osmeña III and "TG" Guingona III		

### MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Justice and Human Rights; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs to which were referred Senate Bill No. 2484, introduced by Senator Osmeña III, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001,' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

and Senate Bill No. 2783, introduced by Senator Lacson, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERNG ACT OF 2001.' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT FOR IT TO BE COMPLIANT WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS"

and Proposed Senate Resolution No. 461, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED HIGH NUMBER OF CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF PROCEEDS FROM INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING VIS-A-VIS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE INTENTION OF UPDATING THE RELEVANT LAWS AND PREVENTING THE CIRCULATION OF NARCOTICS MONEY"

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prepared by the Committees, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 10 AND 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001,' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2484 and 2783 taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 82 and 461 with Senators Osmeña III, Lacson, Defensor Santiago, Villar, Guingona III, Escudero and Honasan II as authors thereof.

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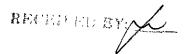


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SENATE

S. No. 3009



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"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 10 AND 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001,' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

- **SECTION 1.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9160, as amended, is hereby amended
- 2 to read as follows:

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"Sec. 10. Freezing of Monetary Instrument or Property. — [The Court of Appeals,] upon application ex parte by the AMLC and after determination that probable cause exists that any monetary instrument or property is in any way related to an unlawful activity as defined in Section 3(i) hereof, THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER THE TERRITORIAL AREA WHERE THE MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY IS LOCATED AND/OR WHERE THE ALLEGED UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY WAS COMMITTED may issue a freeze order, which shall be effective immediately. The freeze order shall be for a

period of twenty (20) days unless extended by the court. IT MAY ALSO BE FILED WITH THE COURT OF APPEALS OR WITH THE SANDIGANBAYAN, WHETHER OR NOT THE SAME IS IN AID OF THE COURT'S APPELATE JURISDICTION. IN ANY CASE, THE COURT SHOULD ACT ON THE PETITION TO FREEZE EITHER BEFORE THE END OF BUSINESS HOURS OR WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FROM FILING OF THE PETITION, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

NO COURT SHALL ISSUE A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER OR A WRIT OF INJUNCTION AGAINST ANY FREEZE ORDER, EXCEPT THE SUPREME COURT.

**SECTION 2.** Section 11 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 11. Authority to Inquire into Bank Deposits. — Notwithstanding provisions of Republic Act No. 1405, as amended, Republic Act No. 6462, as amended, Republic Act No. 8791, and other laws, the AMLC may inquire into or examine any particular deposit or investment, INCLUDING RELATED WEB OF ACCOUNTS, with any banking institution or non-bank financial institution upon order of any competent court BASED ON AN EX PARTE APPLICATION in cases of violationS of this Act, when it has been established that there is probable cause that the deposits or investments, INCLUDING RELATED WEB OF ACCOUNTS involved, are related to an [unlawful] activity as defined in Section 3(i) hereof or a money laundering offense under Section 4 hereof; except that no

court order shall be required in cases involving activities defined in Section 3(i)(1), (2) [and], (12), (13) AND (14) HEREOF.

To ensure compliance with this Act, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) may inquire into or examine any deposit or investment **INCLUDING RELATED WEB OF ACCOUNTS** with any banking institution or non-bank financial institution when the examination is made in the course of a periodic or special examination, in accordance with the rules of examination of the BSP.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "RELATED WEB OF ACCOUNTS" SHALL REFER TO ACCOUNTS, THE FUNDS AND SOURCES OF WHICH ORIGINATED FROM AND/OR ARE MATERIALLY LINKED TO THE MONETARY INSTRUMENT(S) OR PROPERTY(IES) SUBJECT OF THE FREEZE ORDER(S).

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision [or section] of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be [invalid] VOID, [the other provisions or sections of this Act, and the application of such provision or section to other persons or circumstances,] OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ANY OTHER PROVISION [shall not be] NOT affected thereby SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof [including the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 1405, as amended; Republic Act No. 6426, as amended; Republic Act No. 8791, as amended and other similar laws,] as are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

- SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
- 2 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers
- of general circulation.
- 4 Approved,