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Prepared by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and* Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws with Senators Estrada, Villar, Escudero and Defensor-Santiago as authors thereof.

AN ACT

CRIMINALIZING NECROPHILIA OR CARNAL KNOWLEDGE WITH THE DEAD AND IMPOSING APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREOF, INCORPORATING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 335-A INTO ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

SECTION 1. There shall be incorporated after Article 335 of Act No. 3815, as
amended, otherwise known as "the Revised Penal Code", a new article which shall read
as follows:
"Art. 335-A. NECROPHILIA. PENALTY. NECROPHILIA IS COMMITTED
BY A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN SEXUAL ACTS WITH A CORPSE.
FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, SEXUAL ACTS SHALL MEAN
ENGAGING IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, ANAL AND/OR ORAL SEX.
PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF NECROPHILIA SHALL SUFFER THE
PENALTY OF RECLUSION TEMPORAL TO RECLUSION PERPETUA AND A FINE
OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO FIVE HUNDRED
THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.
WHENEVER THE CRIME OF NECROPHILIA IS COMMITTED BY
TWO (2) OR MORE PERSONS, OR BY ANY PERSON IN WHOSE CARE OR

CUSTODY SUCH CORPSE IS FOUND, THE PENALTY SHALL BE RECLUSION
 PERPETUA.

3 PROVIDED, THAT THE CORPSE OR THE BODY OF THE DECEASED 4 SHALL NOT BE HELD LONGER THAN IS NECESSARY TO GATHER EVIDENCE 5 TO PROSECUTE THE COMMISSION OF THE CRIME.

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SEC. 2. Separability Clause. - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions hereof shall not be
affected by such declaration.

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11 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other 12 executive issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are 13 hereby repealed, modified and amended accordingly.

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15 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete 16 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general 17 circulation.

18 Approved,