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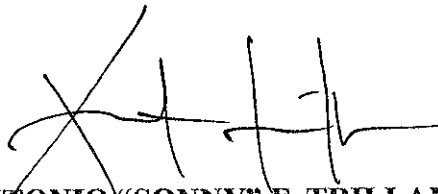
Explanatory Note

There have been reports of unethical lobbying practices in Congress and unlawful consideration allegedly being offered to lawmakers for either the passage or defeat of legislative measures in both Houses and their Committees. For that reason, addressing this issue and the negative image it imparts to the public is seriously needed. Such reports, whether with or without basis, creates the impression that our country's lawmakers are "for sale" and that the legislative measures being advanced or deterred in Congress are mostly coming at certain prices.

Republic Act No. 1827 otherwise known as "An Act to Regulate Lobbying in the Congress of the Philippines and in the Commission on Appointments" was enacted on June 22, 1957 and sought to prohibit corrupt or undesirable methods of lobbying, to promote a high standard of ethics in the practice of lobbying, to prevent harassing unfair and unethical lobbying practices and to provide for the licensing of lobbyists and the suspension or revocation of such licenses.

This bill, which seeks to amend R.A. No. 1827, essentially proposes to increase the penalties for those persons who practice unethical lobbying and use corrupt means to influence legislation and confirmation of appointment. It is envisioned that such measure shall curb corruption and undue influence in the passage and/or defeat of legislation, and also to deter unethical lobbying in the confirmation of appointments.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1827 SO AS TO IMPOSE HIGHER
PENALTIES FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN UNFAIR AND UNETHICAL LOBBYING
PRACTICES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 1827 (RA 1827) is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

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4 **"Sec. 2. *Corrupt means to influence legislation; disclosure of interest.*** – Any
5 person who shall, directly or indirectly, give or agree or offer to give any money
6 or property or valuable thing or any security therefor to any person, for the service
7 of such person or of any other person in procuring the passage or defeat of any
8 measure before the Congress of the Philippines or before either House or any
9 committee thereof, upon the contingency or condition of the passage or defeat of
10 such measure, or who shall receive, directly or indirectly, or agree to receive any
11 such money, property, thing of value or security therefor for such service, upon
12 any such contingency or condition, or who, having a pecuniary or other interest,
13 or acting as the agent or attorney of any person in procuring or attempting to
14 procure the passage or defeat of any measure before the Congress of the
15 Philippines or before either House or any committee thereof, shall attempt in any

1 manner to influence any member of said Congress for or against such measure,
2 without first making known to such member the real and true interest he has in
3 such measure, either personally or as such agent or attorney, shall be punished by
4 imprisonment of not more than [two] **SIX** years [or] **AND** by fine not exceeding
5 [five thousand] **ONE MILLION** pesos [or both such imprisonment and fine].
6 **FURTHER, IF SUCH PERSON IS HOLDING ANY ELECTIVE OR**
7 **APPOINTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE, HE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO THE**
8 **PENALTY OF PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING**
9 **ANY PUBLIC OFFICE.**

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11 **SEC. 2.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 1827 (RA 1827) is hereby amended to
12 read as follows:

13 *“Sec. 3. Corrupt or secret means to influence confirmation of*
14 *appointment. — Any person who shall, directly or indirectly, give or agree or*
15 *offer to give any money or property or valuable thing or any security therefor to*
16 *any person, for the service of such person or of any other person in procuring the*
17 *confirmation or rejection or by-passing of any appointment before the*
18 *Commission on Appointments or before any committee thereof, upon the*
19 *contingency or condition of the confirmation or rejection or by-passing of such*
20 *appointment, or who shall receive, directly or indirectly, or agree to receive any*
21 *such money, property, thing of value or security therefor for such service, upon*
22 *any such contingency or condition, or who, having an appointment in his favor*
23 *pending before the Commission on Appointments or before any committee*
24 *thereof, shall through secret or clandestine methods attempt in any manner to*
25 *influence any member of such Commission to vote for confirmation of such*
26 *appointment, shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than [two] **SIX***
27 *years [or] **AND** by fine not exceeding [five thousand] **ONE MILLION** pesos [or*

1 both such imprisonment and fine]. **FURTHER, IF SUCH PERSON IS**
2 **HOLDING ANY ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE, HE**
3 **SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO THE PENALTY OF PERPETUAL**
4 **DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING ANY PUBLIC OFFICE.**

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6 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and
7 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
8 accordingly.

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10 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,