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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides:

The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.

Crime is on the rise. Carnapping and bank robbery are among the crimes of choice of small time and organized criminal syndicates. Criminals resort to different ways and means to evade law enforcers in the commission of these crimes. One way to avoid the authorities is through the use of devices which obscure or lessen the legibility of plate numbers.

These devices may also be used to avoid vehicle identification in case of accidents or criminal negligence. This bill seeks to address the problems caused by these devices by prohibiting their sale and use.\*

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\* This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session.



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AN ACT

PROHIBITING THE SALE, USE, OR POSSESSION OF MERCHANDISE DESIGNED TO  
CONCEAL OR OBSCURE LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS

*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 “License Plate Concealment  
Act.”

SECTION 2. *Definition.* – As used in this Act, the term “license plate” refers to the  
regular motor vehicle license plate issued by the Land Transportation Office bearing the standard  
alphanumeric characters in accordance with Batas Pambansa Blg. 43 and 74.

SECTION 3. *Prohibition.* – It shall be unlawful to knowingly sell, offer for sale,  
distribute, use, or possess any merchandise, including but not limited to retractable license plate  
holders, high gloss reflective spray, or anti-photograph license plate cover, that is specifically  
designed to conceal, degrade the legibility, or otherwise obstruct any part of any marking  
imprinted upon a vehicle’s license plate.

SECTION 4. *Penalty.* – Any person found violating Section 3 of this Act shall be  
punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00).

Any director, officer, or agent of a corporation, association, partnership, or any other  
entity who shall be responsible for the violation of Section 3 of this Act shall be subject to the  
penalty to which the corporation, association, partnership, or any other entity may be subject to.

1           SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
2 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent  
3 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

4           SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,