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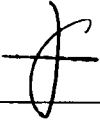


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PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY  
OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Portable telecommunication devices have become indispensable tools in modern life. However, reports from law enforcement agencies reveal a high incidence of thievery of these devices, brought on by high demand for said devices and the ease with which the thieves are able to sell these stolen items.

As such, there is an urgent need to protect our people from targeted theft of these telecommunication devices.

This bill proposes to punish the malefactor by imposing heavier penalties. The approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Theft and  
2 Robbery of Portable Telecommunication Devices and Portable Computers Act".

3 SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms:*

4 (a) "Portable telecommunication device" shall refer to a device utilized to transmit,  
5 emit or receive voice, data, electronic messages, text, written or printed matter,  
6 fixed or moving pictures or images, words, music or visible or audible signals or  
7 sounds, or any information, intelligence and/or control signals of any  
8 design/format and for the purpose of accessing public telecommunication  
9 services by wire, radio, spectral, visual/optical/light, or other electronic,  
10 electromagnetic and technological means including but not limited to cellular  
11 cellphones, two-way very high frequency (VHF) or ultra high frequency (UHF)  
12 radios.

13 (b) "Portable Computer" shall refer to a variety of electronic devices that is capable  
14 of accepting data, programs and/or instructions, executing the programs and/or  
15 instructions to process the data and presenting the results, such as but not  
16 limited to laptops, notebooks.

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

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

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

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

*Approved,*