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SENATE S.B. No. <u>163</u>3

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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon, Chairman, and the Members of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon)

## AN ACT

## AMENDING SECTION 9 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1586 BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 9 of Presidential Decree 1586 (Environmental Impact Statement System Law) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Penalty for Violation. Any person, corporation or partnership found violating Section 4 of this Decree, or the terms and conditions in the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate, or of the standards, rules and regulations issued by the National Environmental Protection Council pursuant to this Decree shall be punished by the suspension or cancellation of his/its certificate or and/or a fine in an amount not [to exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 50,000.00)] LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P 500,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO MILLION PESOS (P 2,000,000.00) for every violation thereof[,] AND DEPENDING ON THE EFFECT AND DAMAGE IT CAUSED, at the discretion of the National Environmental Protection Council.

IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES IMPOSED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AND SUCH OTHER LIABILITIES AS MAY BE ENACTED UNDER OTHER SPECIAL LAWS, ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION FOUND VIOLATING SECTION 4 OF THIS DECREE OR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE OBLIGED TO SHOULDER THE FULL COST OF THE REHABILITATION, REPARATION, OR RESTORATION OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY ITS VIOLATION.

- Sec. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- Sec. 3. Repealing Clause. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
- Sec. 4. *Separability Clause.* All other provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1586 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
- Sec. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,