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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 72**

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws on 29 MAY 2006.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2254, prepared by the Committees.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 226, 694 and 1143.

Sponsors: Senators Arroyo, Gordon, Osmeña III, Villar, and Pimentel Jr.

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws to which were referred Senate Bill No. 226, introduced by Senator Osmeña III, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE PENALTY OF  
RECLUSION PERPETUA INSTEAD OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN  
CASES WHERE THE LAW PRESCRIBES THE DEATH PENALTY, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 694, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE PENALTY OF  
RECLUSION PERPETUA INSTEAD OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN  
CASES WHERE THE LAW PRESCRIBES THE DEATH PENALTY, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

and Senate Bill No. 1143, introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr., entitled:

**“AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE PENALTY OF  
IMPRISONMENT FOR THIRTY (30) YEARS INSTEAD OF THE DEATH  
PENALTY IN CASES WHERE THE LAW PRESCRIBES THE DEATH  
PENALTY”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report these bills back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 2254, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 226, 694 and 1143 with Senators Osmeña III, Villar, Pimentel Jr., Arroyo, and Gordon as authors.

*Respectfully submitted:*

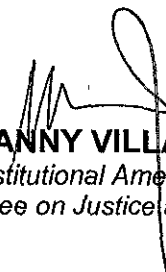


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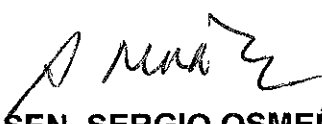
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Senate Bill No. 2254

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**AN ACT  
ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY"**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The imposition of the penalty of death is hereby prohibited.  
2 Accordingly, Republic Act No. Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven (R.A.  
3 8177), otherwise known as the Act Designating Death by Lethal Injection, is hereby  
4 repealed. Republic Act No. Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine (R.A. 7659),  
5 otherwise known as the Death Penalty Law, and all other laws, executive or  
6 administrative orders, decrees, rules and regulations, insofar as they impose the death  
7 penalty are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

8           **SEC. 2.** In lieu of the death penalty, the following shall be imposed:

- 9           (a) the penalty of *reclusion perpetua*, when the law violated makes use of the  
10           nomenclature of the penalties of the Revised Penal Code; or  
11           (b) the penalty of life imprisonment, when the law violated does not make use  
12           of the nomenclature of the penalties of the Revised Penal Code.

13           **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2)  
14 national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,