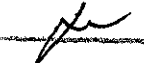


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree 1866, as amended by Republic Act 8294, penalizes, among other things, any person who shall unlawfully manufacture, deal in, acquire, dispose or possess any firearm described therein. This bill complements the provisions of P.D. 1866, as amended, by making civilly liable any legal owner of a firearm who shall fail to report the theft of his/her firearm.

The purpose of this bill is to deter violation of P.D. 1866. Legal owners who fail to immediately report theft of their firearms unintentionally arm the offenders and facilitate in the latter's intended commission of other crimes by the use of the stolen firearms. Firearm theft is a major criminal problem and the legal owners thereof have the responsibility to prevent the commission thereof.

Accordingly, the urgent passage of the bill is hereby recommended.

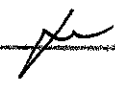


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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF THEFT OF A
FIREARM BY THE LEGAL OWNER THEREOF AND
PROVIDING CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the **“Report of
Theft of Firearm Act”**.

Section 2. (a) The legal owner of a firearm shall report
the theft of a firearm within 72 hours to the chief law
enforcement officer of the municipality in which the theft
occurred.

(b) A person who violates the provision of
this section shall be liable to a civil penalty of not less than
Php2,000.00 for a first offense and Php6,000.00 for a second or
subsequent offense.

Section 3. *Separability Clause.* - If any provisions, or part hereof,
is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not
otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, executive order, decree,
issuance, ordinance, rule and regulation or any part thereof contrary or
inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is also hereby repealed,
modified or amended accordingly.

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

Approved.