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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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3 Prostitution has pernicious effects and destroys our moral fiber. That  
4 something concrete ought to be done goes without saying.

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6 While it is true that concerted efforts may not sufficiently and completely  
7 eradicate this deleteriously societal menace, a critical review of archaic laws and  
8 policies should be at hand, if only to put appropriate governmental initiatives in  
9 their proper perspective.

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11 Of these many laws up for scrutiny and amendment, *repeal of articles 202*  
12 *and 341 of the Revised Penal Code* is a crucial step.

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14 These articles, remained untouched for so many years, sadly treat sex  
15 workers and other individuals exploited into prostitution as criminal perpetrators  
16 instead of victims.

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18 Not only is this perspective misplaced but is clearly morally repugnant and  
19 abhorrent. It is about time this be critically addressed.

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21 The proposed measure focuses on this concern. It seeks not only  
22 decriminalize victims in prostitution but more importantly provide for them  
23 adequate protection by:

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25 a) providing for human rights of persons exploited in prostitution;  
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27 b) engaging local government units and appropriate government  
28 agencies to curb the same; and  
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30 c) creating a National Anti-Prostitution Council that will develop a  
31 program addressing prostitution and various needs of exploited  
32 persons, among others.

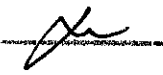
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34 Through this bill, archaic policies may finally be put to rest, paving the way  
35 for much more invigorated approach in our campaign against prostitution.

  
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AN ACT

1 ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON  
2 ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND  
3 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, AND DECRIMINALIZING  
4 VAGRANCY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF  
5 THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND AMENDING R.A. 9208, AND FOR OTHER  
6 PURPOSES

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

7 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as "The Anti-  
8 Prostitution Act of 2006".

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10 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policies.** – The State:

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12 (a) In accordance with the relevant international instruments, particularly,  
13 the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, Convention on the Elimination of All  
14 Forms of Discrimination Against Women, Convention on the Rights of the Child,  
15 Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime including its Protocol to  
16 Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and  
17 Children, and other international human rights instruments of which the  
18 Philippines is a party, declares its commitment to end the continuing sexual  
19 exploitation of women, men, and children and all forms of gender-based violence  
20 by creating an enabling environment where the human rights of women and  
21 children are promoted, protected, and fulfilled.

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23 (b) recognizes prostitution as a human rights violation that calls for  
24 coordinated and sustained response from all agencies of government as well as  
25 non-governmental organizations that comprehensively addresses the factors that  
26 perpetuate sexual exploitation.

1 (c) recognizes that women and children are systematically victimized by  
2 and in the system of prostitution and must, therefore, be given protection and  
3 support by the State, instead of being treated as offenders;

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5 (d) recognizes that eliminating prostitution is essential for women and  
6 children to genuinely and meaningfully participate in nation-building; and

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8 (e) recognizes that the law on vagrancy has outlived its usefulness and  
9 that vagrants should be looked upon not as common criminals but as victims of  
10 their ill circumstance.

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12 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – The following terms are defined for  
13 purposes of this Act:

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15 (a) *Prostitution* – any act, transaction, scheme or design involving the use  
16 **OR EXPLOITATION** of a person, whether through the performance of such act  
17 or mere demonstration thereof, whether woman, man or child, for the sexual  
18 gratification or pleasure of another in exchange for money or checks, profit or  
19 other consideration, or any act that promotes or facilitates the accomplishment of  
20 the said act, transaction, scheme or design.

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22 (b) *Person exploited in prostitution* – refers to a woman, man or child  
23 used, exploited or employed for another person's sexual gratification or pleasure  
24 and for the monetary gain or profit of others.

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26 (c) *Child* – refers to any person below eighteen (18) years of age or one  
27 who is over eighteen (18) but is unable to fully take care of or protect  
28 himself/herself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination  
29 because of a physical or mental disability or condition.

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31 (d) *Sexual exploitation* – refers to the practice by which women are  
32 sexually subjugated through abuse or violation, either overt or covert, of women's  
33 sexuality and physical or mental integrity, as a means of achieving power and  
34 domination, including gratification, financial gain, and advancement.

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36 (e) *Sexual act* – refers to sexual intercourse, including genital-to-genital,  
37 oral-to-genital, anal-to-genital, or oral-to-anal intercourse or contact, insertion of

1 any instrument or object into the genital or anal orifice of any person, bestiality,  
2 masturbation, sadistic or masochistic abuse, exhibition of the genitals or pubic  
3 area of any person, and other acts of a sexual nature, whether the same is made  
4 between persons of the same or opposite sex.

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6 (f) *Establishment* – refers to any business or enterprise, including, but not  
7 limited to, sauna, bath, massage parlor, discotheque, bar, restaurant, resort,  
8 lodging house, motel, hotel, theater, ship, vessel, cab or taxi, or any other  
9 vehicle, or any dwelling, house, jail, detention center, structure or building serving  
10 as a cover or venue for prostitution, or any group, association or organization that  
11 engages in prostitution activities.

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13 (g) *Cult* – refers to, but not limited to fanatic groups that entice, recruit, and  
14 condition any person to become sexual offerings in organizational rituals or in  
15 other circumstances as part of membership requirements.

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17 **SECTION 4. Acts of Prostitution.** – Prostitution is a crime committed by:

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19 (a) Any person who gives or delivers money or any other consideration in  
20 exchange for the actual performance or mere demonstration of a sexual act by a  
21 person exploited in prostitution, regardless of whether the person giving or  
22 delivering money or any other consideration is the recipient of such a sexual act;

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24 (b) any person who is a recipient of a sexual act, whether such a recipient  
25 has given or delivered money or any other consideration for the procurement of a  
26 person exploited in prostitution; provided, however, that for purposes of this  
27 Section, being a recipient shall include persons or crowds before whom a person  
28 exploited in prostitution has actually performed or merely demonstrated the  
29 sexual act;

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31 (c) Any person who offers another for sexual exploitation in exchange for  
32 money or any other consideration;

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34 (d) any person who induces, persuades, entices, compels, kidnaps,  
35 recruits or in any manner procures or causes a person to serve in an  
36 establishment knowing that the same is involved in prostitution activities or when

1 s/he has reasonable cause to believe that such establishment is involved in said  
2 activities;

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4 (e) any person who organizes or arranges travel tours and/or tourism-  
5 related activities that involve the sexual exploitation of any person or the escort  
6 services of any person who is expected to perform the sexual acts as defined in  
7 this Act;

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9 (f) any person who as part of cult or religious obligation uses, entices,  
10 recruits, or offers any person as sexual offering or favor to other members of the  
11 cult or religious organization;

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13 (g) any person who uses information technology or any form of media for  
14 the purposes of prostitution;

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16 (h) any person who derives profit or advantage from any of the prohibited  
17 acts defined in this Section as owner, operator, manager, head, director, officer  
18 or agent of the establishment where the prostitution activity takes place, or of the  
19 establishment serving as a cover or venue for such prostitution activity, or aiding  
20 another establishment or person involved in any prostitution activity;

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22 (i) any person who leases, subleases, or in any manner allows the use of  
23 any dwelling, house, structure, building, land or any other property knowing that  
24 the lessee/sub lessee intends to use or uses it for prostitution activities as  
25 defined in this Section. For the purposes of this paragraph, the owner of the  
26 dwelling, house structure, building, land or any other property used for  
27 prostitution and his/her agent shall be presumed to have knowledge that the  
28 place is being used or intended to be used or intended to be used for prostitution  
29 unless s/he disproves it;

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31 (j) any member of the military or police establishment, or any government  
32 official or employee, or any person in authority who commits, causes, or  
33 promotes, facilitates, allows, or tolerates the commission of any of the acts  
34 defined in this Section, or who, in any manner, provides protection to the  
35 perpetrators of the said acts.

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1 (k) any official or employee of any jail or detention center or any person  
2 connected thereto who commits, causes, promotes, facilitates, allows or tolerates  
3 the commission of any of the acts defined in this section upon inmates or who, in  
4 any manner, provides protection to the perpetrators of the said act.

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6 For purposes of this Section, it is understood that the prohibited acts of  
7 prostitution may be committed in any establishment as defined in Section 3(f)  
8 above or in any other place not otherwise mentioned in Section 3(f).

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10 Furthermore, an attempt to commit any of the acts defined in this Section  
11 is also prohibited.

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13 **SECTION 5. Persons exploited in prostitution as victims.** – Any woman,  
14 man or child, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, used or  
15 employed for another person's sexual gratification, pleasure and/or exploitation  
16 and for the monetary gain or profit of others, as defined in Section 4 of this Act,  
17 shall be treated as victims of prostitution. As such, they shall not incur any  
18 criminal liability under this Act, except those penalized under Section 6 (b) of this  
19 Act.

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21 In addition, the consent of the person exploited in prostitution to the  
22 commission of any of the acts defined in Section 4 of this Act shall not in any way  
23 exempt the offender from, or mitigate his/her, criminal liability.

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25 **SECTION 6. Penalties and Sanctions.** –

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27 (a) any person found guilty of the acts defined in Section 4 shall suffer the  
28 penalty of imprisonment of twenty (20) years and a fine of not less than one  
29 million pesos (P1, 000, 000.00) but not more than two million pesos (P2, 000,  
30 000.00);

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32 (b) any person guilty of the acts defined in Section 4 who is also exploited  
33 in prostitution or had been exploited in prostitution shall suffer the penalty of  
34 imprisonment of ten (10) years for the first offence and fifteen (15) years for the  
35 succeeding violations and a fine of not less than five hundred thousand pesos  
36 (P500, 000.00) but not more than one million pesos (P1, 000, 000.00);

1 (c) any person guilty of attempting to commit any of the prohibited acts  
2 shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of fifteen (15) years and a fine of not less  
3 than five hundred thousand pesos (P500, 000.00) but not more than one million  
4 pesos (P1, 000, 000.00);

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6 (d) when the offender is any establishment as defined in this Act, the  
7 penalty shall be imposed upon the owner and operator or manager, or the  
8 directors and officers, or the responsible officers or agents of the establishment,  
9 corporation, partnership, or association found to be engaged in any of the acts  
10 defined in Section 4 of this act.

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12 In addition, the establishment, corporation, partnership or association shall  
13 be immediately closed and its registration and/or license to operate shall be  
14 revoked. A sign with the words "off limits" shall be conspicuously displayed  
15 outside the establishment by the Department of Social Welfare and Development  
16 for such period as the Department may determine which shall not be less than  
17 one year. The unauthorized removal of such sign shall be punishable by  
18 imprisonment of six months.

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20 (e) when the offender is a foreigner, s/he shall be deported immediately  
21 after service of sentence and permanently barred from entry into the country;

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23 (f) any person found guilty of committing or attempting to commit any of  
24 the prohibited acts under Section 4 shall, in addition to the penalties stated in this  
25 section, undergo, counseling, rehabilitation and mandatory education on the  
26 human rights situation of victims of prostitution with DSDW for a period of not  
27 less than three (3) months but not longer than one (1) year with the DSWD. The  
28 DSWD shall submit to the court a report on the rehabilitation of the offender.

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31 **SECTION 7. Civil liability for prostitution.** – Persons exploited in  
32 prostitution may file independent civil cases for damages against the persons,  
33 natural or juridical, responsible for their exploitation.

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35 Provinces, cities and municipalities shall be liable for damages, in addition  
36 to any other criminal or administrative liability under existing laws, to persons  
37 exploited in prostitution when it is proven that the responsible authorities had

1 knowledge or were informed of the activities constituting prostitution but did not  
2 take proper action within a reasonable period of time. For purposes of this  
3 Section, the responsible authorities shall be deemed to have knowledge of the  
4 prostitution activities when the same are common knowledge in the community.  
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6 **SECTION 8. Prosecution of Cases.** - Any person who has personal  
7 knowledge of the commission of any offense under this Act, or the person  
8 exploited in prostitution, the parents, spouse, siblings, children or legal guardian,  
9 or the law enforcement agencies, or the Task Force created under this Act may  
10 file a complaint for prostitution.  
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12 **SECTION 9. Immunity of government and DSWD-accredited NGOs from**  
13 **undue interference.** - Members of the National Anti-Prostitution Council and  
14 DSWD-accredited non-governmental organizations that are involved in the  
15 implementation of anti-prostitution programs are granted immunity from suit and  
16 other legal proceeding in connection with the enforcement of said programs.  
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18 **SECTION 10. Venue.** - A criminal action arising from a violation of this  
19 Act shall be filed where the offense was committed, or where any of its elements  
20 occurred, or where the person exploited in prostitution actually resides at the time  
21 of the commission of the offense; provided, that the court where the criminal  
22 action is first filed shall acquire jurisdiction to the exclusion of other courts.  
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24 **SECTION 11. Prescriptive Period.** - Cases under this Act shall prescribe  
25 in TWENTY (20) years. The prescriptive period shall commence to run from the  
26 day on which the person exploited in prostitution is delivered or released from the  
27 situation of exploitation and shall be interrupted by the filing of the complaint or  
28 information and shall commence to run again when such proceedings terminate  
29 without the accused being convicted or acquitted or are unjustifiably stopped for  
30 any reason not imputable to the accused.  
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32 **SECTION 12. Exemption from filing fees.** - When the victim of prostitution  
33 institutes a separate civil action from the recovery of civil damages, s/he shall be  
34 exempt from the payment of filing fees.  
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36 **SECTION 13. Confiscation and forfeiture of the proceeds and instruments**  
37 **derived from prostitution.- In addition to the penalty imposed for the violation of**



1 this Act, the Court shall order the confiscation and forfeiture, in favor of the  
2 government, of all the proceeds and properties derived from the commission of  
3 the crime, unless they are the property of a third person not liable for the unlawful  
4 act: provided, however, that all awards for damages shall be taken from the  
5 personal and separate properties of the offender: provided, further, that if such  
6 properties are insufficient, the balance shall be taken from the confiscated and  
7 forfeited properties.

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9 When the proceeds, properties and instruments of the offense has been  
10 destroyed, diminished in value or otherwise rendered worthless by any act or  
11 omission, directly or indirectly, of the offender, or it has been concealed,  
12 removed, converted or transferred to prevent the same from being found or to  
13 avoid forfeiture or confiscation, the offender shall be ordered to pay the amount  
14 equal to the value of the proceeds, property or instruments of the offense.

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16 **Section 14. Trust Fund.** – All fines imposed under this Act and the  
17 proceeds and properties forfeited and confiscated pursuant to Section 12 hereof  
18 shall accrue to a Trust Fund to be administered by the Council to be used  
19 exclusively for programs that will prevent prostitution and protect, heal and  
20 reintegrate prostituted persons into the mainstream of society. Such programs  
21 shall include but not limited to those provided for under Section 20 of this Act.

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23 **SECTION 15. Human rights of persons exploited in prostitution.** –  
24 Persons exploited in prostitution have human rights that must be respected,  
25 protected and promoted by all branches, agencies and instrumentalities of the  
26 government in law enforcement drives, criminal prosecution, civil suits, service  
27 provision, and program development and implementation. These rights include,  
28 but are not limited to:

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30 (a) the right to be treated as human beings;  
31 (b) the right to dignity and security of person;  
32 (c) the right against any form of discrimination;  
33 (d) the right to equal protection of the law;  
34 (e) the right to be protected from abuse and exploitation;  
35 (f) the right to seek redress for violations of their rights and to  
36 have their complaints appropriately addressed;  
37 (g) the right to fair and humane treatment;

1 (h) the right to sensitive and appropriate legal, health, and  
2 other social services;

3 (l) the right to organize themselves and fight for their  
4 legitimate concerns; and

5 (j) the right to be consulted on any governmental initiative  
6 affecting them.

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8 Persons exploited in prostitution shall not be detained on the occasion of  
9 on by reason of a raid or in the name of law enforcement. There shall be at least  
10 one social worker or one representative from a non-governmental organization  
11 known to be working with women exploited in prostitution present during raids.

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13 During raids of establishment, and at any stage of the investigation,  
14 prosecution and trial of complaints for violation of this Act, law enforcers,  
15 prosecutors and judges shall not disclose to the public the name, personal  
16 circumstances and other information that will establish the identity of the person  
17 exploited in prostitution, unless the latter consents thereto in writing.

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19 It shall also be the duty of law enforcers to ensure that persons exploited  
20 in prostitution are not exposed to the media on the occasion of a raid. Law  
21 enforcers who allow or facilitate the exposure to the media of persons exploited  
22 in prostitution shall suffer the penalty of six (6) months imprisonment, without  
23 prejudice to the filing of other criminal, civil and administrative charges under  
24 applicable laws.

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26 **SECTION 16. Confidentiality.-** It shall be the responsibility of any  
27 journalist, reporter, editor, publisher or producer of print and broadcast media to  
28 protect the identity and privacy of persons exploited in prostitution, most  
29 particularly on the occasion of a raid or rescue operation. Any journalist, reporter,  
30 editor, publisher or producer of print and broadcast media who exposes to the  
31 public the identity of any person exploited in prostitution without her or his  
32 consent thereto in writing, or causes the publication of any picture or video that  
33 violates the dignity and other human rights of the person exploited in prostitution,  
34 shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of six (6) years and a fine of not less than  
35 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than One million  
36 pesos (P1,000,000.00). In addition, the owner or publisher of the print or  
37 broadcast media found guilty of the violation shall pay a fine of five hundred

1 thousand pesos (P500, 000.00). This shall be without prejudice to the right of  
2 persons exploited in prostitution to file a civil action for damages for the violation  
3 of their human rights or for any injury caused them by the publication.

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6 **SECTION 17. Entrapment prohibited.** - Law enforcers shall not use  
7 entrapment as a method in law enforcement activities when the same will involve  
8 the sexual exploitation of persons as defined in Section 3(b) of this Act. A law  
9 enforcement officer who resorts to this method shall suffer the penalty of eight (8)  
10 years imprisonment.

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12 **SECTION 18. Requirements for hotels, motels and lodging houses.** -  
13 Notwithstanding any legislation, ordinance or rule to the contrary, every hotel,  
14 motel or lodging area shall:

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16 (a) maintain a reception and registration area for guests and patrons that  
17 is readily within the public view;

18 (b) maintain open garages, or those that do not have doors or any closing  
19 mechanism;

20 (c) maintain good lighting in all its entrances, exists, driveways and  
21 garages.

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23 No hotel, motel or lodging house shall be allowed to operate in any part of  
24 the Philippines without complying with the preceding requirements.

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26 For the purpose of this Section, hotels, motels and lodging houses already  
27 operating shall have six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act to comply with  
28 this provision. Failure of any hotel, motel and lodging house to comply with this  
29 Section shall result in the cancellation of their license or permit to operate.

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31 **SECTION 19. Responsibilities of local government unites in anti-**  
32 **prostitution efforts.** - Local government units shall exercise their powers to curb  
33 prostitution within their respective jurisdictions. It shall be unlawful for any local  
34 government unit to issue licenses or permits for the operation of any  
35 establishment that is used or intended to be used for any prostitution activity.  
36 Any such license or permit already issued prior to the effectivity of this Act shall  
37 be deemed automatically revoked or cancelled and shall not be renewed.

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Their responsibility shall include conducting public information campaign against prostitution, carrying out rescue operations and ensuring the safety or security of victims of prostitution.

Local government units may employ elements of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) or the Philippine National Police (PNP) as provided for under Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551.

The national government shall ensure that local government units conscientiously engage in anti-prostitution activities, provide support for the same, and intervene when necessary.

**SECTION 20. The National Anti-Prostitution Council.** - There shall be a National Anti-Prostitution Council composed of the Department of Social Welfare as the lead agency and shall have as members the following:

- (a) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as lead agency
- (b) National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW)
- (c) Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- (d) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- (e) National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)
- (f) Department of Health (DOH)
- (g) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- (h) Department of Justice (DOJ)
- (i) Department of Tourism (DOT)
- (j) National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)
- (k) Philippine National Police (PNP)
- (l) three (3) non-government organizations (NGOs) to be selected by NGOs providing support services to victims of prostitution
- (n) three (3) representatives of persons exploited in prostitution

The National Anti-Prostitution Council shall perform the following functions:

1 i. develop a program addressing prostitution and the needs of persons  
2 exploited in prostitution and those vulnerable to be exploited in prostitution. The  
3 program shall include public information and education campaign against  
4 prostitution, crisis intervention service, education assistance, socio-economic  
5 assistance such as sustainable livelihood skills training and financial support for  
6 scale businesses, and integration and complete after-care programs for persons  
7 exploited in prostitution, among others;

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9 ii. identify and, if necessary, create centers in strategic places all over the  
10 Philippines that will provide health services, including counseling and therapy,  
11 temporary shelter and other crisis intervention services to persons exploited in  
12 prostitution. The rape crisis centers established under Republic Act No. 8505  
13 and the hospital-based protection units for women and children may also serve  
14 as centers servicing persons exploited in prostitution. Each center shall establish  
15 a network of health care and other service providers to address the needs of  
16 persons exploited in prostitution;

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18 iii. ensure that units are created or identified within relevant government  
19 agencies, particularly those composing the Council, that shall focus on  
20 addressing prostitution and the needs of persons exploited in prostitution. This  
21 shall include units within the National Prosecution Service Offices in local  
22 government units that shall specifically focus on the prosecution of offenders  
23 under this Act;

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25 iv. ensure that relevant government agencies work in close coordination  
26 with each other in addressing prostitution and the needs of persons exploited in  
27 prostitution;

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29 v. develop and implement a training program for law enforcers, public  
30 prosecutors, judges, government lawyers, government health care providers,  
31 social workers and barangay officials that aims to increase their understanding of  
32 prostitution as a system, and equip them with the perspective and skills to  
33 appropriately address the needs of persons exploited in prostitution, respect,  
34 protect and promote their human rights, and pursue the prosecution of offenders;

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36 vi. ensure that local counterparts of the council are created in every  
37 municipality, city and province;

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vii. undertake and lead the prosecution of any violation of this Act; and

viii. promulgate, when necessary, rules and regulations for the effective implementation and enforcement of this Act.

ix. continuously conduct surveillance and monitor establishments to prevent prostitution. They shall promptly investigate any establishment suspected to be engaged in prostitution and shall take appropriate measures, in coordination with the local government unit concerned and other relevant government agencies, for the speedy prosecution of the offenders.

x. undertake corrective and enforcement measures to stop activities in tourism constituting, promoting or facilitating prostitution in consultation with government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working for the elimination of prostitution.

**Section 21. Mandatory services to victims of prostitution.** – To ensure healing, recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society, concerned government agencies, particularly the members of the Council, shall make available the following services to trafficked persons:

- (a) Counselling;
- (b) Free legal services which shall include information about the victim's rights, the procedure for filing complaints, claiming compensation and other legal remedies to them;
- (c) Emergency shelter or appropriate housing;
- (d) Medical or psychological services;
- (e) Livelihood and skills training; and

**SECTION 22. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General

1 Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this law and every year  
2 thereafter.

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4 All local government units are likewise mandated to allot not less than five  
5 percent (5%) of their gender and development (GAD) budget and not less than  
6 five percent (5%) of the local development fund of local government units (LGUs)  
7 for programs, projects and activities aimed to control prostitution activities within  
8 their jurisdiction, including the development and conduct of deterrent information  
9 campaigns directed to potential and actual buyers of prostitution sex.

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11 **Section 23.** – Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Council shall  
12 promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulation within sixty (60)  
13 days from the effectivity of this Act.

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15 **SECTION 24.** Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is  
16 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby  
17 shall continue in full force and effect.

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19 **SECTION 25.** Repealing Clause. - Articles 202 and 341 of the Revised  
20 Penal Code are hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, ordinances and rules  
21 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified or repealed  
22 accordingly.

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24 **SECTION 26.** Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect upon  
25 completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general  
26 circulation.

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28 Approved,