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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 6 of Republic Act No. 1379 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Judgment. If the respondent is unable to show to the satisfaction of the court that he has lawfully acquired the property in question, then the court shall declare such property forfeited in favor of the State, and by virtue of such judgment the property aforesaid shall become property of the State: Provided, That THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE VALUE OF SUCH PROPERTY FORFEITED IN A FINAL AND EXECUTORY ORDER OF THE COURT SHALL BE EARMARKED AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN FAVOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT IN CASH IT SHALL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AND THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, AFTER DEDUCTING THE THIRTY PERCENT (30%) FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, SHALL ACCRUE TO THE GENERAL FUND. No judgment shall be rendered within six months before any general election or within three months before any special election. The Court may, in addition, refer this case to the corresponding Executive Department for administrative or criminal action, or both."

SEC. 2. Separability Clause. - Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions

- and provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist
- 2 and be given effect in their entirety

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- 4 SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and
- 5 administrative regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby
- 6 revoked, repealed or modified accordingly.

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8 **SEC. 4.** Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (I5) days after its publication in at least two (2) national papers of general circulation.

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