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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Celebrating events through the use of fireworks and firecrackers has long been a customary practice in the Philippines.

Considering the risk involved, the proposed bill seeks to reduce the number of accidents and injuries due to firecrackers, majority of which are sustained by children, by prohibiting the selling, giving, or in any way sharing of firecrackers.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

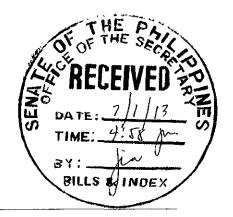
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AN ACT PENALIZING INDIVIDUALS WHO SELL, GIVE OR IN ANY WAY SHARE ANY TYPE OF FIREWORKS OR FIRECRACKERS TO MINOR CHILDREN15 YEARS OLD AND BELOW

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

SECTION 1. Unlawful Act. It shall be unlawful for persons to sell, give or in any way share any type of fireworks or firecrackers to children fifteen (15) years of age and below.

 SECTION 2. *Penalty.* Any person found guilty of the act stated herein shall be punished with imprisonment of *prision correctional* or a fine not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) but not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are deemed inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly..

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held unconstitutional or be invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,