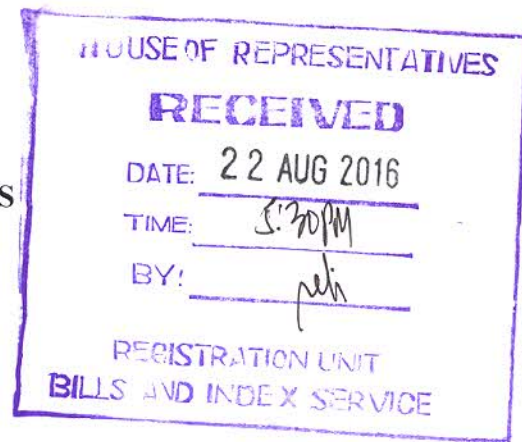


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3177



Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, the law seeks to thwart and decrease the likelihood of graft and corruption within the government. Existing law penalizes anyone who receives a present, gift or any material or financial advantage as well as those who, without being legally authorized to do so, actually intervene, directly or indirectly in any transactions, applications, requests or contract with the government.

Prior to receiving any gift or the actual act of intervening, however, is the offer or representation made by a person that he can influence the public official or employee required by law to intervene or be able to assist in a transaction, contract or request with the government which, up to now, remains unabated.

It is this gap which this bill seeks to fill by penalizing influence peddling or the mere act of representing oneself to another person having a transaction or request with the government thus effectively clipping corruption at its inception even before any gift or present is given and even before there has actually been an intervention in connection with such request or transaction.

The gap mentioned which this bill seeks to bridge by penalizing influence peddling or the act of representing oneself to another person having a transaction or request with the government thus effectively clipping corruption at its initiation even before any gift or present is given and before there has actually been an intervention in connection with such request or transaction.

If enacted, this bill is believed to be an effective deterrent to nip corruption at the bud and prior to any damage being inflicted upon government coffers as well as on our people with legitimate transactions or dealings with government.

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AN ACT
PENALIZING INFLUENCE PEDDLING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Anti-Influence Peddling Act”.

SEC. 2. Influence peddling refers to the act of representing oneself, either orally or in writing, as being able, whether real or imagined, to influence, facilitate or assist another person having some business, transaction, application, request or contract with the government in which the public official or employee has to intervene, in consideration of any present, gift or material or pecuniary advantage.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice or act of influence peddling as defined in Section 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. Any person who engages in influence peddling as defined by this Act shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than six (6) years or a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), or both, and disqualification to hold public office.

SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, the remainder of the Act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees and orders or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,