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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Not many people might be aware of the phenomenal rise of criminality arising from the use of motorcycles for the commission of infinite number of street crimes. Through these motor vehicles the PNP has tracked down the involvement of persons riding in tandem in other bigger criminal activities or high-profile crimes.

PNP responded to this crime wave involving criminals riding in tandem on motorbikes by a program dubbed, 'Motorized Anti-Street Crime Operatives Program' of the National Capital Region Police Office. But this is not to say that in fact, such riding-in-tandem crime incidents also occurred in Central Luzon (Region III), Central Visayas (Region VII), at least in the past two years.

This crime wave continues to rise.

PNP theorized that criminal elements have taken advantage of the high-speed mobility provided by motorcycles as effective instruments of crime. Arrested suspects were found to be involved in strings of robbery, car theft, and even murder cases.

One Director General of the PNP even went to say that "For every riding in tandem suspect neutralized, several crimes are solved" thus making no false allusion to the fact that only an effective ban against riding in tandem over the use of motorcycles could be the most efficient way to curb criminality and lawlessness.

This measure is intended to strengthen or at least, lend authority to certain counter-measures already initiated by the PNP in order to stem the tide of such serial street crimes or increased notoriety of criminals or their syndicates in bigger or more high-profile crimes.

The immediate passage of this measure is highly recommended.


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AN ACT

AUTHORIZING PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO ADOPT A STRATEGIC POLICY AGAINST CRIMINALS RIDING IN TANDEM ON MOTORCYCLES THEREBY RATIONALIZING MORE AGGRESSIVE INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Riding in Tandem Interdiction Act."

SEC. 2. It is the declared policy of the State to serve and protect the people, a mandate that is the mantra and corporate philosophy of the Philippine National Police to maintain peace and order, protect life and property and to promote the general welfare.

Under this Act, it shall be the strategic policy of the PNP to adopt more aggressive interdiction operations against street crimes on motorcycles and persons riding in tandem on motorcycles who are likely involved and are responsible for serial crimes or even for high-profile criminal activities.

SEC. 3. This Act shall cover all kinds of motorcycles and persons or individuals riding these motor vehicles especially when used in the commission of street crimes or other high profile criminal activities unless this policy against riding in tandem is later on lifted by the PNP.

SEC. 4. To carry out the provisions of this Act, the initial amount of ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS is hereby appropriated from the General Appropriations Act for the purpose of upgrading the physical and technical capacity of the Philippine National Police to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, issuances, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,