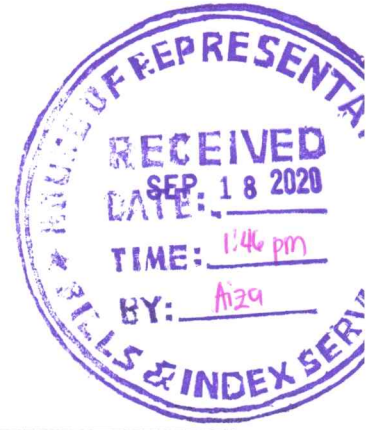


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to value the dignity of every person and guarantee the full respect for human rights, as provided in the Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Constitution.

In this regard, this measure seeks to penalize the promotion and facilitation of prostitution by ensuring that those who facilitate and induce prostitution are held accountable and liable under our penal laws.

This also seeks to penalize owners and managers of business establishments who knowingly derive profit or advantage from prostitution by providing cover for such unlawful acts.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PUNISHING ANY PERSON WHO SHALL PROMOTE, FACILITATE, INDUCE ANOTHER
TO ENGAGE IN THE ACT OF PROSTITUTION AND PUNISHING ANY PERSON WHO
SHALL DERIVE MONEY OR PROFIT FROM PROSTITUTION, PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as an "Act Punishing Persons who Engage in the Promotion and Facilitation of Prostitution."

Sec. 2. Unlawful Acts. – It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Engage in or promote, facilitate or induce prostitution which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Acting as procurer of a prostitute;
 - b. Inducing a person to be a client of a prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;
 - c. Threatening, using violence or intimidation, forcing, or in any manner coercing, using undue influence to any person to engage in prostitution;
- (2) Knowingly derive profit or advantage from prostitution, whether as manager or owner of the establishment where he prostitution takes place, or of the sauna, disco, bar, resort, place of entertainment or establishment serving as a cover or which engages in prostitution in addition to the activity for which he license has been issued to said establishment.

"Prostitution" for purposes of this Act shall mean, subjecting any person or persons to habitually indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, whether or not for money or profit.

Sec. 3. Penalty. – Any person found violating this Act shall suffer the penalty of prision mayor.

If the offended party is a person below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition, the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act", shall apply.

Sec. 4. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any section or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,