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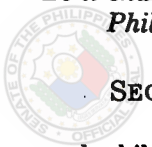
INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSWOMAN PUYAT-REYES, CONGRESSMEN MONFORT, ESTRELLA III, CONGRESSWOMEN ALMARIO, LOBREGAT, LABARIA, CONGRESSMAN BANDON, JR., CONGRESSWOMAN AQUINO-ORETA, CONGRESSMEN PAYUMO, ANDOLANA, ADASA, JR., CONGRESSWOMAN VERANO-YAP, CONGRESSMEN BAGATSING, JR., YAP (R.), ZARRAGA, CHIPECO, JR., WEBB, PALACOL, LOPEZ (J.), RAMIREZ, ESTRELLA (E.), GUANZON, GARCIA (P.), BACALTOS, DRAGON AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, PER REPORT NO. 1033

AN ACT TO PROTECT MINORS FROM PEDOPHILES AND/OR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act intends to protect minors from
2 pedophiles or against sexual exploitation by persons who have a
3 lustful desire, or sexual or erotic love of children.

4 SEC. 2. No person, unless he is related within the fourth
5 civil degree of consanguinity or affinity or any bond recognized
6 by law, local custom and tradition, or acts in the performance of



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1 a social, moral or legal duty, shall keep or be in his company in
2 any public or private place, hotel, motel, beer joint, discotheque,
3 cabaret, pensione house, sauna and massage parlor, beach
4 and/or other tourist resorts and similar places a minor who is
5 ten (10) or more years his junior. Any person who shall induce,
6 deliver or offer a minor to anyone prohibited by this Act to be in
7 his company a minor as above provided shall suffer the penalty
8 of one (1) degree less than that provided in Section 4 hereof.

9 SEC. 3. No person, owner, manager or one entrusted with
10 the operation of any public or private place of accommodation,
11 whether for occupancy, food, drinks or otherwise, including
12 residential places, shall allow any person to take along with
13 him/her to such place any minor as described in Section 2
14 hereof.

15 SEC. 4. Any violation of this Act shall be punishable by
16 *prision mayor* in its maximum period and a fine of not less
17 than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00). If the violation is
18 committed by an alien, he must first serve his prison term and
19 thereafter be deported. If the violation is committed by a parent
20 or guardian, he shall, in addition to the penalty that will be
21 imposed on him, lose parental authority, hereditary rights or

1 custody of the child, as the case may be, and the latter shall be
 2 entrusted to the care of the Department of Social Welfare and
 3 Development. Where management has knowingly allowed the
 4 violation to take place in any of the places mentioned in Section
 5 2 hereof, its license or permit to operate, if there is one, shall be
 6 revoked. In any case, a sign with the words "Off Limits" shall be
 7 conspicuously displayed outside thereof by the Department of
 8 Social Welfare and Development for such period which shall
 9 not be less than one (1) year, as the Department may deter-
 10 mine. The removal of such sign shall be punishable by *prision*
 11 *correccional*.

12 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
 13 publication in Filipino and English in at least two (2) news-
 14 papers of general circulation.

Approved,

