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REMOVING THE EXPIRATION PERIOD OF THE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 97 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE
DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2022", AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" was signed into law on June 7, 2002. Consequently, it was on July 4, 2002 when the said law took effect. Under this law, the anti-dangerous drug campaign of the Philippine government is institutionalized and implemented. This includes policy-making, strategy formulation, drug law enforcement, as well as control and prevention campaigns.

With this, Section 95 of the same law provides for the constitution of the Congressional Oversight Committee on Dangerous Drugs. This Committee is to be composed of seven (7) members, headed by the respective Chairpersons of the House of Representatives Committee on Dangerous Drugs and the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs. The Committee is tasked primarily to monitor the implementation of RA 9165, ensure transparency, and determine inherent weaknesses in the law and recommend remedial legislation where necessary.

Despite these important purposes, the Oversight Committee has an unfortunate expiration period, which is periodically extended upon approval of the President. This

expiration period is a limit to the Committee's fulfillment of its obligations. Hence, it is the aim of this bill to remove that limit precisely by removing the expiration period.

It is for the above reason that the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be referred to as the "JCOC on
2 Dangerous Drugs Extension Act."

3 Sec. 2. *Removing the Expiration Period of the Congressional Oversight*
4 *Committee on Dangerous Drugs.* – Section 97 of Republic Act No. 9165 otherwise
5 known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", as amended, is hereby
6 amended as follows:

7 Section 97. *Adoption of Committee Rules and Regulations, and*
8 *Funding.* –

9 "x x x

10 ~~"The Oversight Committee on Dangerous Drugs shall exist for a~~
11 ~~period of ten (10) years from the effectivity of this Act and may~~
12 ~~be extended by a joint concurrent resolution."~~

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14 Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – Any portion or provision of this Act which may be
15 declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions
16 or provisions hereof.

1 Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or
2 parts thereof inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
3 or amended, or modified accordingly.

4 Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,