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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

A great number of tragic incidents that involve firecrackers have occurred one after the other just recently which massively injured and killed a lot of people and destroyed properties.

Most of the time, these incidents are just being considered as mere accidents. But be it an accident or not, the person or persons who is/are responsible for such incidents should be held liable for violation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 7183 or the law which regulates the sale, manufacture, distribution and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices.

However, the penalties provided under Republic Act No. 7183, which was enacted almost two decades ago, has become negligible already at this time considering that the fine is set at a maximum of thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) or an imprisonment of up to one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

The said penalties seemed to be so insignificant for the countless invaluable human lives and properties that are lost and destroyed. As such, the person or persons who are responsible for such incidents should be penalized with stiffer penalties in order that the provisions of the aforementioned law must be strictly followed and carried out.

Hence, this bill seeks to amend Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7183 so as to provide stiffer penalties by increasing the amount of fine and the years of imprisonment for any person who shall violate the law. The bill provides for a fine of not less than five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than one million pesos (P1,000,000.00) and an imprisonment of not less than six (6) years but not more than twelve (12) years, in addition to the cancellation of the violator's license and business permit and the confiscation by the government of his/her inventory or stock.

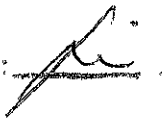
The immediate passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, ENTITLED "AN ACT**  
**REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF**  
**FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES" BY PROVIDING STIFFER**  
**PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7183 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3                   "Sec. 11. *Penalties.* – Any person who manufactures, sells,  
4 distributes or uses firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices in violation  
5 of the provisions of [this Act] **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183** shall be  
6 punished by a fine of not less than [Twenty] **FIVE HUNDRED** thousand  
7 pesos [(P20,000.00)] **(P500,000.00)** nor more than [Thirty thousand] **ONE**  
8 **MILLION** pesos [(P30,000.00)] **(P1,000,000.00)**, [or] **AND AN**  
9 imprisonment of not less than six (6) [months] **YEARS** nor more than [one  
10 (1) year] **TWELVE YEARS (12 YEARS)**, [or both such fine and  
11 imprisonment, at the discretion of the court] in addition to the cancellation  
12 of his/**HER** license and business permit and the confiscation by the  
13 Government of his/**HER** inventory or stock."

14           **SEC. 2. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its  
15 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

16           Approved,