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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION OF LEWD PHOTOGRAPHS AND SEX
STORIES AND ARTICLES IN TABLOID AND BROADSHEET NEWSPAPERS,
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The publication of lewd photographs and sex stories and
articles in tabloid and broadsheet newspapers is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms.

a. "*Lewd photographs*" as used in this Act shall include:

1. All nude or scantily-dressed photographs of a woman or a man, or
two or more members of the same or opposite sex, inviting
indecent, vulgar, lustful and obscene interpretations from the
reader;
2. All photographs of a woman or a man, or two or more members of
the same or opposite sex, simulating, engaged in or performing any
sexual act including, but not limited to the following:
 - A. copulation
 - B. oral sex
 - C. homosexual sex
 - D. sodomy
 - E. necrophilia
 - F. pedophilia
 - H. bestial sex
 - I. masturbation
 - I. display or use of known sexual devices
3. Still photographs of movies whether domestic or foreign, having
sexual contents, and previously or subsequently rated R or X by the
MTRCB.

Provided: That such published photographs shall not have been captioned to promote any event of cultural, educational, entertainment or social significance.

- b. "Sex stories" as used in this Act shall include all columns, narrative and illustrated stories, and articles contained in newspapers graphically depicting any of the sexual acts enumerated in Sec. 2.a.2 of this Act.

SEC. 3. Violators of this Act shall suffer the following penalties:

- a. The publisher and editors of the newspaper shall be liable to a fine of not less than P50,000,000.00 nor more than 100,000.00 for the first offense.
- b. The publisher and editors of the newspaper shall be liable to a fine of not less than P100,000.00 nor more than P200,000.00 and prison sentence of prision mayor for the second offense. The court shall also order the immediate closure of the publication.

Provided: That when there are two or more: publishers of the newspaper, they shall be held solidarily liable.

SEC. 4. All laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,