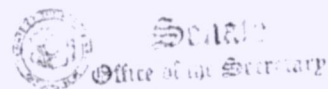


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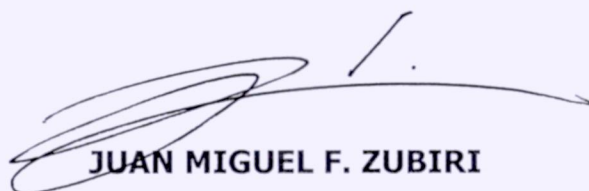
EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 16 September 2017, 22-year-old freshman law student Horacio Castillo died after incurring serious injuries from hazing-related violence. This tragic incident led to the passage of Republic Act 11053, or the Anti-Hazing Law of 2018, mandating an outright ban on all forms of hazing. This amendment came over two decades after the Anti-Hazing Law was first enacted in 1991, in response to the death of Leonard "Lenny" Villa.

Despite this amendment, two years later, almost to the day of Horacio Castillo's death, hazing claims yet another life—that of 20-year-old Philippine Military Academy plebe Darwin Dormitorio. Even after the passage of the Anti-Hazing Law, violators remain undeterred, choosing to continue carrying their legacies of violence disguised as brotherhood.

With this blatant disregard of the law and a clamor for justice from the victims and their families, it is but appropriate to expressly and categorically consider hazing—if resultant in death, or inclusive of rape, sodomy, or mutilation—as one of the heinous crimes enumerated under Republic Act 7659, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is requested.


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

3 **Section 1.** *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to foster
4 and ensure not only obedience to its authority, but also to adopt such measures as would
5 effectively promote the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty
6 and property, and the promotion of the general welfare which are essential for the
7 enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy in a just and humane society.

8 **Section 2.** *Hazing as a Heinous Crime* – Hazing as defined under Republic Act No. 11053,
9 if resulted to death, rape, sodomy, or mutilation shall be considered as a heinous crime
10 under this Act.

11 **Section 3.** New section is hereby inserted after Section 20 of the Act, as amended, to
12 read as follows:

13 **"SECTION 21. SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.11053,**
14 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-HAZING ACT OF 2018" TO**
15 **READ AS FOLLOWS:**

16 **"SEC. 14. PENALTIES. - THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES**
17 **SHALL BE IMPOSED:**

18 **"(A) THE PENALTY OF RECLUSION PERPETUA AND A**
19 **FINE OF THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000.00)**
20 **SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON THOSE WHO ACTUALLY**
21 **PLANNED OR PARTICIPATED IN THE HAZING IF, AS A**
22 **CONSEQUENCE OF THE HAZING, DEATH, RAPE,**
23 **SODOMY, OR MUTILATION RESULTS THEREFROM;**

24 **Section 4.** The succeeding sections are hereby renumbered accordingly.

25 **Section 5.** *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional,
26 the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

1 **Section 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances or portions
2 thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed,
3 amended or modified accordingly.

4 **Section 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete
5 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

6 ***Approved,***