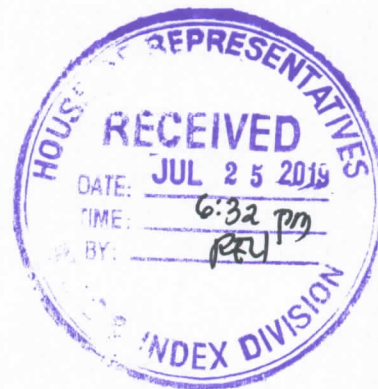


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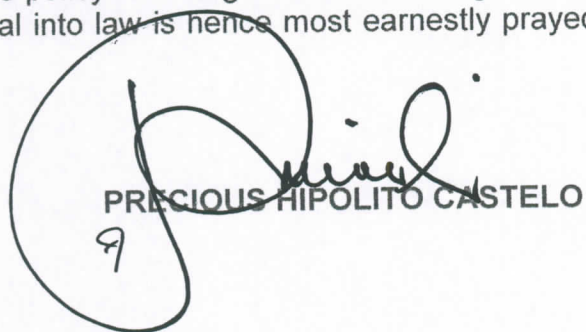
There are writings on the wall, matter-of-factly.

Everyone is batting for heavier punishment for carjacking or carnapping, first from the victims but even more so with potential victims, meaning, the general populace of peace and freedom loving people.

The upsurge of carnapping cases in recent history create the 'shark-attack effects' in our political beach that it seems, everyone is now afraid to swim, in a manner of speaking. But since ours is a democracy, people just have to lead normal lives and in fact, enjoy Constitutionally-guaranteed rights to property and to life to the fullest without the spectre of harm, injury or death.

Thus, carnapping as a crime must now carry much longer and heavier punishment than what Republic Act No. 6539 so stipulates. This proposed measure seeks to make the crime as a non-bailable offense.

In other words, let the work of "zero-tolerance policy" of this genre of crime begin. The strong endorsement of its immediate approval into law is hence most earnestly prayed for.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF CARNAPPING AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539

Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled`

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 6539 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 14. Penalty for Carnapping. Any person who is found guilty of carnapping, as this term is defined in Section 2 of this Act, shall, irrespective of the value of motor vehicle taken, be punished by imprisonment for not less TWENTY YEARS AND ONE DAY {fourteen years and eight months}, when the carnapping is committed without violence or intimidation of persons, or force upon things; and by imprisonment for not less than THIRY YEARS AND ONE DAY {seventeen years and four months} and not more than FORTY YEARS {thirty years}, when the carnapping is committed by means of violence against or intimidation of any person, or force upon things; and the penalty of life imprisonment to death shall be imposed when the owner, driver or occupant of the carnapped motor vehicle is killed in the commission of the carnapping.

ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH CARNAPPING AS PENALIZED HEREOF SHALL BE DENIED BAIL WHEN EVIDENCE OF GUILT IS STRONG.

SEC. 2. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,