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HOUSE BILL NO. 4728



Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the tragic culmination of a road altercation involving a car driver and a cyclist resulting in the latter's being shot dead, one reality is clear: we need better gun control regulations. As could be observed from the CCTV footage, it was surreal how in an apparent wanton disregard for life and propriety, the aggressor matter-of-factly got out of his car, arrogantly walked toward the victim and casually shot him more than once to seal his fate.

In a relentless pursuit of the aggressor who attempted to escape responsibility and the authorities, Police Regional Office 5 put pressure on him, making it difficult for him to hide and resulting in his capture. He has come to terms with his misdeed.

Had there been a more stringent policy on the grant of permit to carry firearms, this unfortunate event could have been precluded.

Individuals have to go through and pass a series of tests and seminars before they could be in the clear for the permit. They have to be well-educated on the responsibility of carrying firearms in order to walk around as responsible carriers of such deadly weapons.

Hence, the approval of this instant measure is earnestly sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Precious Hipolito Castelo".

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AN ACT
MANDATING MORE STRINGENT POLICY ON GRANTING INDIVIDUALS PERMIT TO
CARRY FIREARMS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Strict Regulation for Securing Permit to Carry a Firearm Act."

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be a series of tests and seminars that an individual should pass in order to be eligible to be granted permit to carry a firearm as follows:

- (a). Neuropsychiatric test
- (b). Anger management seminar
- (c). Firearm safety seminar
- (d). Safe gun handling etiquette seminar
- (e). Proper handgun maintenance seminar
- (f). Situational awareness seminar
- (g). Marksmanship training

SEC. 3. The Philippine National Police shall issue appropriate rules, regulations, guidelines, orders and penalties for violation hereof to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon its approval, its publication in the Official Gazette, and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,