AN ACT STRENGTHENING DRUG PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002”

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9165, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. Definitions. – As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

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“(c)  x  x  x

“(C-1) CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE. – A CONDITION OF MENTAL AND/OR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE ON ANY CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL OR VOLATILE SUBSTANCE, WHETHER ORGANIC OR MANUFACTURED, THAT AFFECTS THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, CHARACTERIZED BY THE PERIODIC OR CONSTANTLY REPEATED CONSUMPTION OF THIS SUBSTANCE AND WHOSE EFFECTS VARY DEPENDING UPON THE KIND OF CONTROLLED
PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL TAKEN BY THE
DEPENDENT OR USER.

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"(h) Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals. — Include those
listed in Tables I and II of the 1988 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in
Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances as enumerated in the attached
annex, which is an integral part of this Act[3], AND SUBSTANCES WHICH
SHALL BE HEREAFTER ADDED TO THE LIST OF CONTROLLED
PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, PURSUANT TO
SECTION 93 OF THIS ACT OR ANY DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, OR
PREPARATION CONTAINING SUCH CONTROLLED PRECURSORS
AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS OR ARE SOURCED THEREFROM
WHICH ARE PRESUMED TO FALL WITHIN THE AMBIT
THEREOF.

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"(j) Dangerous Drugs. — Include those listed in the Schedules annexed
to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972
Protocol, and in the Schedules annexed to the 1971 Single Convention on
Psychotropic Substances as enumerated in the attached annex, which is an
integral part of this Act, AND SUBSTANCES WHICH SHALL BE
HEREAFTER ADDED TO THE LIST OF DANGEROUS DRUGS,
PURSUANT TO SECTION 93 OF THIS ACT OR ANY DERIVATIVE,
MIXTURE, AND PREPARATION CONTAINING SUCH DANGEROUS
DRUGS OR ARE SOURCED THEREFROM WHICH ARE PRESUMED
TO FALL WITHIN THE AMBIT THEREOF.

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"(r) Illegal Trafficking. — The illegal cultivation, culture, delivery,
administration, dispensation, manufacture, sale, trading, transportation,
distribution, importation, exportation, CHEMICAL DIVERSION, and
possession of any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and essential
chemical.

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"(dd)  x  x  x"

"(DD-2) PROPERTY. — ANY SITE, STRUCTURE, PART OF A
STRUCTURE, OR THE GROUND SURROUNDING A STRUCTURE
INCLUDING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, OUTBUILDING,
GARAGE, UNIT OR MULTIPLEX, CONDOMINIUM, APARTMENT
BUILDING, WAREHOUSE, HOTEL, MOTEL, BOAT, MOTOR
VEHICLE, TRAILER, MANUFACTURED HOUSING, SHOP, OR
BOOTH AND OTHER SIMILAR STRUCTURES.

"(ee) Protector/Coddler. — Any person who knowingly and willfully
consents to the unlawful acts provided for in this Act and uses his/her influence,
power or position in shielding, harboring, screening or facilitating the escape of
any person he/she knows, or ANY PERSON WHO has reasonable grounds to
believe or suspect[,] THAT AN INDIVIDUAL has violated the provisions of
this Act, AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR
POSITION in order to prevent the arrest, prosecution [and] OR conviction of
the violator.
"(LL) WASTE. – ANY REFUSE, GARBAGE, OR OTHER DISCARDED MATERIAL, EITHER SOLID OR LIQUID."

“(MM) SURRENDERER – ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CLAIMING TO BE A PERSON WHO USES DRUGS AND/OR A DRUG DEALER OR PUSHER WHO SURRENDERS TO ANY OFFICER/S OR MEMBER/S OF EITHER THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), OR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP).”

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. Importation AND/OR EXPORTATION of Dangerous Drugs and/or Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals. – The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who, unless authorized by law, shall import or bring into OR EXPORT FROM the Philippines any dangerous drug, regardless of the quantity and purity involved, including any and all species of opium poppy or any part thereof or substances derived therefrom even for floral, decorative and culinary purposes.

“The penalty of imprisonment ranging from twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years and a fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who, unless authorized by law, shall import AND/OR EXPORT any controlled precursor and essential chemical.

“The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any person, who, unless authorized under this Act, shall import or bring into OR EXPORT FROM the Philippines any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and essential chemical through the use of a diplomatic passport, diplomatic facilities or any other means involving his/her official status intended to facilitate the unlawful entry of the same. In addition, the diplomatic passport shall be confiscated and cancelled.

“ANY PERSON WHO IS FOUND TO HAVE IN HIS/HER POSSESSION OR UNDER HIS/HER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTROL ANY PURCHASE ORDER, MEMORANDUM RECEIPT, DELIVERY RECEIPT, BILL OF LADING, OR ANY SIMILAR DOCUMENT CONTAINING INFORMATION RELATED TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION TO OR FROM THE PHILIPPINES DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS IS, UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE IMPORTED OR EXPORTED THE DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SUCH DOCUMENT OR WRITING.
"The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any person, who organizes, manages or acts as a "financier" of any of the illegal activities prescribed in this Section.

"A PERSON IS PRESUMED TO BE A FINANCIER IF HE/SHE CAUSES THE PAYMENT, RAISES, PROVIDES OR SUPPLIES MONEY FOR OR UNDERWRITES THE IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. ANY EVIDENCE SHOWING DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF MONEY, OR DRAWING OR ISSUANCE OF A CHECK, MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT TO THE ACCOUNT, CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A PERSON OR ENTITY KNOWN TO BE CONNECTED WITH OR WORKING FOR AN IMPORTER OR EXPORTER OF DANGEROUS DRUGS OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, IS PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF THE CONSENT TO OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SENDER, TRANSFEROR OR ISSUER OF THE FINANCING OF THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF SUCH DANGEROUS DRUGS, CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. THIS PRESUMPTION MAY BE OVERTURNED UPON PRESENTATION OF PROOF THAT THE IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION IS AUTHORIZED OR VALID.

"The penalty of twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years of imprisonment and a fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who acts as a protector/hoodlum" of any violator of the provisions under this Section.

"A PERSON IS PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR CODDLER OF A PERSON WHO IMPORTS OR EXPORTS DANGEROUS DRUGS, CONTROLLED PRECURSORS OR ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS TO BE USED IN THE PREPARATION FOR SUCH DANGEROUS DRUGS, IF HE/SHE KNOWS THE IMPORTER OR EXPORTER OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION TO SHIELD, HARBOR, SCREEN OR FACILITATE THE ESCAPE OF SAID IMPORTER OR EXPORTER. A PERSON IS LIKewise PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR CODDLER IF HE/SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OR HAS REASONABLE GROUND TO BELIEVE THAT THE VIOLATOR IS AN IMPORTER OR EXPORTER OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, AND HE/SHE USES HIS INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN PREVENTING THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF THE IMPORTER OR EXPORTER.

"UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A PERSON WHO SHIELDS, HARBORS, SCREENS OR FACILITATES THE ESCAPE OF, OR PREVENTS THE ARREST, PROSECUTION, OR CONVICTION OF THE IMPORTER OR EXPORTER IS PRESUMED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF, OR HAS WILLFULLY CONSENTED TO, THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION AND THAT HE/SHE HAS USED HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION. EXCEPT WHEN IT IS
DONE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE IMPORTER'S OR EXPORTER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR HIS/HER LEGAL COUNSEL. A PERSON WHO INTERCEDES AND/OR REPRESENTS THE SAID IMPORTER OR EXPORTER IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE SHIELDED, HARBORED, SCREENED OR FACILITATED THE ESCAPE OF OR PREVENTED THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF THE IMPORTER OR EXPORTER."

SEC. 3. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Sale, Trading, Administration, Dispensation, Delivery, Distribution and Transportation of Dangerous Drugs and/or Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals. – The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who, unless authorized by law, shall sell, trade, administer, dispense, deliver, give away to another, distribute, dispatch in transit or transport any dangerous drug, including any and all species of opium poppy regardless of the quantity and purity involved, or shall act as a broker in any of such transactions.

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"UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, ANY PERSON FOUND OR IS PRESENT WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE AREA OF SALE, TRADING, MARKETING, DISPENSATION, DELIVERY OR DISTRIBUTION, IS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SALE, TRADE OR DISTRIBUTION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, CONTROLLED PRECURSORS OR ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS.

"ANY PERSON FOUND IN POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS IN THE FOLLOWING QUANTITY OR WEIGHT, REGARDLESS OF PURITY, IS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN SELLING, TRADING, DISPENSATION, DELIVERY, OR DISTRIBUTION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS:

"(1) 50 GRAMS OR MORE OF SHABU, COCAINE, COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE, OPIUM, HEROINE, MORPHINE, MARIJUANA RESIN OR MARIJUANA RESIN OIL, OR OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS SUCH AS METHYLENEDIOXYMETAMPHETAMINE (MDMA) OR "ECSTASY," PARAMETHOXYAMPHETAMINE (PMA), TRIMETHOXYAMPHETAMINE (TMA), LYSERGIC ACIDE DIETHYLAMINE (LSD), GAMMA HYDROXYBUTYRATE (GHB), AND THOSE THAT ARE SIMILARLY DESIGNED OR ARE NEWLY INTRODUCED DRUGS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES;

"(2) 200 GRAMS OR MORE OF MARIJUANA."
“The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any person who organizes, manages or acts as a “financier” of any of the illegal activities prescribed in this Section.

“A PERSON IS PRESUMED A FINANCIER IF HE/SHE CAUSES THE PAYMENT, RAISES OR PROVIDES OR SUPPLIES MONEY FOR, OR UNDERWRITES THE SALE, TRADING OR DISTRIBUTION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. ANY EVIDENCE SHOWING DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF MONEY, OR THE DRAWING, ISSUANCE OR TRANSFERRING OF ISSUANCE OF A CHECK, MONETARY INSTRUMENT, INVESTMENT OR PROPERTY TO THE ACCOUNT, CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A PERSON OR ENTITY CONNECTED WITH OR WORKING FOR A SELLER, TRADER OR DISTRIBUTOR OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF KNOWLEDGE BY THE SENDER, TRANSFEROR OR ISSUER OF THE FINANCING OF AN UNLAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.

“The penalty of twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years of imprisonment and a fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who acts as a “protector/coddler” of any violator of the provisions under this Section.

“A PERSON IS PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR CODDLER IF HE/SHE KNOWS THE SELLER, TRADER, DISTRIBUTOR OR VIOLATOR OF THIS SECTION AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN SHIELDING, HARBORING, SCREENING OR FACILITATING THE ESCAPE OF SAID VIOLATOR. A PERSON IS LIKELYWISE PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR CODDLER IF HE/SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OR HAS REASONABLE GROUND TO BELIEVE OR TO SUSPECT THAT THE VIOLATOR IS A SELLER, TRADER, OR DISTRIBUTOR OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN PREVENTING THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF THE VIOLATOR.

“A PERSON WHO SHIELDS, HARBORS, SCREENS OR FACILITATES THE ESCAPE OF, OR PREVENTS THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF THE SELLER, TRADER, DISTRIBUTOR OR VIOLATOR OF THIS SECTION IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF OR WILLFULLY CONSENTED TO, THE ILLEGAL SELLING, TRADING OR DISTRIBUTION AND HAS USED HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN DOING SO. EXCEPT WHEN IT IS DONE BY ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE VIOLATOR’S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL. A PERSON WHO INTERCEDES AND/OR REPRESENTS THE SAID VIOLATOR IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE SHIELDED, HARBORED, SCREENED OR FACILITATED THE ESCAPE OF, OR PREVENTED THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF THE VIOLATOR.”
SEC. 4. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. Maintenance of a Den, Dive or Resort. – The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person or group of persons who shall maintain a den, dive or resort [where any dangerous drug is used or sold in any form] AS DEFINED UNDER THIS ACT.

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"If such den, dive or resort is owned by a third person, the same shall be confiscated and escheated in favor of the government: PROVIDED, THAT IN CASE THE OWNER OF SUCH PROPERTY IS A PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ANY JURIDICAL ENTITY, THE PARTNER, PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR, MANAGER TRUSTEE, ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR, OR OFFICER WHO CONSENTS TO OR TOLERATES SUCH VIOLATION SHALL BE CRIMINALLY LIABLE AS CO-PRINCIPAL: Provided, FURTHER, That the criminal complaint shall specifically allege that such place is intentionally used in the furtherance of the crime: Provided, [further] FURTHERMORE, That the prosecution shall prove such intent on the part of the owner, PARTNER, PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR, MANAGER, TRUSTEE, ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR OR OFFICER OF THE JURIDICAL ENTITY to use the property for such purpose: Provided, finally, That the owner, PARTNER, PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR, MANAGER, TRUSTEE, ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR OR OFFICER OF THE JURIDICAL ENTITY shall be included as an accused in the criminal complaint.

"FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESUMED:

"(A) ANY DEN, DIVE, RESORT IS PRESUMED INTENTIONALLY USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING OR USING DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS EVEN ON ONE OCCASION ONLY;

"(B) A PERSON IS PRESUMED AN OPERATOR, MAINTAINER OR ADMINISTRATOR OF A DEN, DIVE OR RESORT IF HE/SHE HAS ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH PREMISES; AND

"(C) IF ANY PARAPHERNALIA OR INSTRUMENT SUITABLE OR FIT FOR THE USE OR ADMINISTRATION OF ANY DANGEROUS DRUG IS FOUND IN A DEN, DIVE OR RESORT, IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE PREMISES ARE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION, SMOKING OR CONSUMPTION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG BY A HUMAN BEING AND THAT THE OPERATOR, MAINTAINER OR ADMINISTRATOR PERMITS SAID PREMISES TO BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

"The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any person who organizes, manages or acts as a "financier" of any of the illegal activities prescribed in this Section.
“A PERSON IS PRESUMED A FINANCIER OF A DEN, DIVE OR
RESORT IF HE/SHE CAUSES THE PAYMENT, RAISES, PROVIDES OR
SUPPLIES MONEY FOR OR UNDERWRITES THE OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE THEREOF. ANY EVIDENCE SHOWING THE
DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF MONEY, OR DRAWING OR ISSUANCE
OF A CHECK, MONETARY INSTRUMENT, INVESTMENT OR
PROPERTY TO THE ACCOUNT, CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE
OPERATOR, MANAGER OR MAINTAINER OF A DEN, DIVE OR
RESORT IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A PRIMA FACIE PROOF
OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF FINANCING THE OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE THEREOF BY THE SENDER, TRANSFEROR, OR
ISSUER.

The penalty of twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years of
imprisonment and a fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)
to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person,
who acts as a "protector/coddler" of any violator of the provisions under this Section.

“A PERSON IS PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR CODDLER IF
HE/SHE KNOWS THE OPERATOR, MAINTAINER, ADMINISTRATOR
OR MANAGER OF THE DEN, DIVE OR RESORT AND HE/SHE USES
HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN SHIELDING,
HARBORING, SCREENING OR FACILITATING THE ESCAPE OF THE
VIOLATOR. A PERSON IS LIKewise PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR
CODDLER IF HE/SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OR HAS REASONABLE
GROUND TO BELIEVE OR TO SUSPECT THAT THE SAID OPERATOR,
MAINTAINER, ADMINISTRATOR OR MANAGER ACTUALLY
OPERATES, MAINTAINS, ADMINISTERS OR MANAGES A DEN, DIVE
OR RESORT AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR
POSITION IN PREVENTING THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR
CONVICTION OF THE VIOLATOR.

“UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A PERSON WHO SHIELDS,
HARBORS, SCREENS OR FACILITATES THE ESCAPE OF, OR
PREVENTS THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF, AN
OPERATOR, MAINTAINER, ADMINISTRATOR OR MANAGER OF A
DEN, DIVE OR RESORT IS PRESUMED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF, OR
HAVE WILLFULLY CONSENTED TO THE OPERATION, AND
MAINTENANCE OF A DEN, DIVE OR RESORT AND HE/SHE USES
HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN DOING THE SAME.
EXCEPT WHEN IT IS DONE BY ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE
IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE OPERATOR, MAINTAINER,
ADMINISTRATOR OR MANAGER OR THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL. A
PERSON WHO INTERCEDES AND/OR REPRESENTS THE VIOLATOR
IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE SHIELDED,
HARBORED, SCREENED OR FACILITATED THE ESCAPE OF OR
PREVENTED THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF SAID
OPERATOR, MAINTAINER, ADMINISTRATOR OR MANAGER.”

SEC. 5. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
"SEC. 8. Manufacture of Dangerous Drugs and/or Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals. — The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to Ten Million pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who, unless authorized by law, shall engage in the manufacture of any dangerous drug.

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"The presence of any controlled precursor and essential chemical or laboratory equipment in the clandestine laboratory is a prima facie proof of manufacture of any dangerous drug OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. It shall be considered an aggravating circumstance if the clandestine laboratory is undertaken or established under the following circumstances:

(a)  x  x  x
(b)  x  x  x
(c)  x  x  x"

"ANY PERSON FOUND OR IS PRESENT WITHIN THE PREMISES OF A CLANDESTINE LABORATORY OR THE PLACE WHERE DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, PREPARED, COMPOUNDED, PROCESSED, PACKED OR RE-PACKED IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED INVOLVED IN OR HAS PARTICIPATED IN MANUFACTURING OR PRODUCING DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS.

"ANY EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARAPHERNALIA SUITABLE FOR THE USE, MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCTION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS FOUND IN A CLANDESTINE LABORATORY, OR IN ANY OTHER PLACE OR PROPERTY, SHALL BE PRESUMED PRIMA FACIE PROOF THAT SAID LABORATORY, PLACE OR PROPERTY IS USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCTION OF ANY DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, AND THAT THE PERSON WHO HAS THE ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE CONTROL OR MANAGEMENT THEREOF PERMITS SUCH PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE.

"The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any person, who organizes, manages or acts as a “financier” of any of the illegal activities prescribed in this Section.

"A PERSON IS PRESUMED A FINANCIER IF HE/SHE CAUSES THE PAYMENT, RAISES, PROVIDES OR SUPPLIES THE MONEY FOR, OR UNDERWRITES THE MANUFACTURE, PRODUCTION, PREPARATION, COMPOUNDING OR PROCESSING OF DANGEROUS DRUG AND CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. ANY EVIDENCE SHOWING DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF MONEY, OR DRAWING OR ISSUANCE OF A CHECK, NEGOTIABLE OR NON-NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT TO THE
ACCOUNT OR CUSTODY OF A PERSON OR ENTITY KNOWN TO BE
CONNECTED WITH OR WORKING FOR, A MANUFACTURER,
PRODUCER OR PROCESSOR OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR
CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS IS,
UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF THE
CONSENT OR KNOWLEDGE OF FINANCING THE VIOLATOR'S
UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES BY THE SENDER, TRANSFERROR OR
ISSUER.

"The penalty of twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years of
imprisonment and a fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)
to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person,
who acts as a “protector/coddler” of any violator of the provisions under this Section.

"A PERSON IS PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR CODDLER IF
HE/SHE KNOWS THE MANUFACTURER, PRODUCER OR PROCESSOR
OF ANY DANGEROUS DRUG AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSOR
AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL, AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER
INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION TO SHIELD, HARBOR, SCREEN
OR FACILITATE THE ESCAPE OF SAID MANUFACTURER,
PRODUCER OR PROCESSOR. A PERSON IS LIKewise PRESUMED A
PROTECTOR OR CODDLER IF HE/SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OR HAS
REASONABLE GROUND TO BELIEVE THAT ONE IS A
MANUFACTURER, PRODUCER OR PROCESSOR OF DANGEROUS
DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL
CHEMICALS, AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR
POSITION IN PREVENTING THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR
CONVICTION OF THE MANUFACTURER, PRODUCER OR
PROCESSOR.

"THE OFFENDER SHALL BE HELD LIABLE TO PAY THE COST
OF THE CLEAN UP OF THE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY ON THE
PROPERTY.

"IN ANY SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY, IT IS THE DUTY OF
THE OWNER OF RECORD OR HIS/HER AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCLOSE ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF PRIOR
USE OF THE PROPERTY AS A CLANDESTINE LABORATORY TO THE
BUYER OR LESSEE. THE LESSOR MUST INCLUDE IN THE LEASE
CONTRACT A STIPULATION THAT THE PROPERTY BEING LEASED
WILL NOT BE USED FOR THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURE OF
DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND
ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT."

SEC. 6. A new section denominated as Section 8-A is hereby inserted after Section
8 of the same Act, to read as follows:

"SEC. 8-A. NEGLIGENT OWNER OR LESSOR OF PROPERTY USED
AS CLANDESTINE LABORATORY. – THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT
RANGING FROM SIX (6) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY TO TWELVE (12)
YEARS AND A FINE RANGING FROM FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
PESOS (P500,000.00) TO ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) SHALL BE
IMPOSED UPON THE OWNER OR LESSOR OF A BUILDING, WAREHOUSE, OR ANY PROPERTY, OR IN HIS/HER ABSENCE, THE DUTY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WHO LEASES THE PROPERTY TO ANY PERSON BUT OMITS OR FAILS TO ASCERTAIN, CHECK AND CONFIRM THAT THE PROPERTY IS ACTUALLY USED FOR A LAWFUL PURPOSE, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY UTILIZED AS CLANDESTINE LABORATORY OR USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OR STORAGE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON THE OWNER OR LESSOR, OR HIS/HER DUTY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS DISCOVERED THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY BUT FAILED TO REPORT THE SAME TO PROPER AUTHORITIES.

"IF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT OF LEASE IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED, THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO OMIT OR FAIL TO OBSERVE AND DISCHARGE THE LEGAL OBLIGATION REQUIRED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL SUFFER THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IN ADDITION TO ABSOLUTE PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM ANY PUBLIC OFFICE.

"IF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT OF LEASE IS OWNED BY A PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR ANY JURIDICAL ENTITY, THE PERSON LIABLE TO THE PENALTY PRESCRIBED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THIS SECTION IS THE CORPORATE OR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OR MANAGER, OR ANY PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF ANY CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION, ANY ESTATE EXECUTOR AND ADMINISTRATOR, OR ANY OF THEIR DUTY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

"FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE PERSONS LIABLE IN THE PRECEDING THREE (3) PARAGRAPHS HEREIN ARE, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT TO THE ILLEGAL USE OF THE LEASED PROPERTY IF THEY FAIL TO VISIT AND INSPECT THE LEASED PROPERTY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY QUARTER.

"THE VISITATION SHALL BE EVIDENCED BY AN AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM DATE OF VISITATION AND INSPECTION, BY THE PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, CONCERNED GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, OR CONCERNED OFFICER OF THE PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR JURIDICAL ENTITY THAT OWNS THE PROPERTY SUBJECT OF THE LEASE AND CERTIFICATION FROM THE BARANGAY. THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL CATEGORICALLY STATE THE FOLLOWING: (A) THE DATE WHEN THE INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY WAS MADE; (B) THE DETAILS OF THE THINGS SEEN AND OBSERVED DURING THE INSPECTION; AND (C) THE FACT THAT THE LEASED PREMISES ARE NOT BEING USED FOR ANY UNLAWFUL PURPOSE, IF SUCH IS THE CASE. IT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1, SECTION 52 OF THIS ACT WITHIN
FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS FROM THE EXECUTION OF SAID
AFFIDAVIT. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THE LEASE CONTRACT AND
THE SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY OF THE AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE, IF ANY, SHALL ALSO BE FILED WITH THE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AND THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR
WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM EXECUTION OF SAID CONTRACT.

THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOREGOING
MANDATORY REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS SHALL, UNLESS
PROVEN OTHERWISE, BE PRESUMED THAT NO SUCH VISITATION
WAS CONDUCTED ON THE LEASED PROPERTY FOR THE DURATION
OF THE COVERED PERIOD.”

SEC. 7. Section 10 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. Manufacture [or], Delivery, OR POSSESSION of
LABORATORY Equipment, Instrument, Apparatus, and Other Paraphernalia for
THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURE OF Dangerous Drugs and/or Controlled
Precursors and Essential Chemicals. - The penalty of imprisonment ranging from
twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years and a fine ranging from One
hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos
(P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person who shall deliver, possess with
intent to deliver, or manufacture with intent to deliver LABORATORY equipment,
INCLUDING REACTION VESSEL, ENCAPSULATING MACHINES,
TABLETING MACHINES, ROTARY EVAPORATORS, LABORATORY
EQUIPMENT WITH A CAPACITY FOR LARGE VOLUME PRODUCTION
SUCH AS ROUND BOTTOM FLASKS OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) LITRES OR
ABOVE AND RELATED CONDENSERS, SEPARATING FUNNELS AND
HEATING APPARATUS, instrument, apparatus and other paraphernalia for
dangerous drugs AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL
CHEMICALS, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should
know, that [it] THESE will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest,
manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack,
repack, store, contain or conceal any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and
essential chemical in violation of this Act.

The penalty of imprisonment ranging from six (6) months and one (1) day to four (4)
years and a fine ranging from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Fifty thousand
pesos (P50,000.00) shall be imposed if it will be used to inject, ingest, inhale or
otherwise introduce into the human body a dangerous drug in violation of this Act.

The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any
person, who uses a minor or a mentally incapacitated individual to deliver such
equipment, instrument, apparatus and other paraphernalia for dangerous drugs.”

SEC. 8. Section 11 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 11. Possession of Dangerous Drugs. - The penalty of life
imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from Five hundred thousand pesos
(P500,000.00) to Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon any
person, who, unless authorized by law, shall possess any dangerous drug in the
following quantities, regardless of the degree of purity thereof:

"(1) 10 grams or more of opium;

"(8) x  x  x

"Otherwise, if the quantity involved is less than the foregoing quantities, the
penalties shall be graduated as follows:

"(1) x  x  x

"(9) x  x  x

"(3) x  x  x

"(4) IMPRISONMENT OF SIX (6) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY TO
TWELVE (12) YEARS AND A FINE RANGING FROM FIFTY THOUSAND
PESOS (P50,000.00) TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
(P200,000.00), IF THE QUANTITIES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE LESS
THAN TWO (2) GRAMS OF OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROIN, COCAINE
OR COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE, MARIJUANA RESIN OR
MARIJUANA RESIN OIL, METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE
OR "SHABU" OR OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS, INCLUDING MDMA OR
"ECSTASY," PMA, TMA, LSD, GHB, GAMMA BUTYROLACTONE (GBL),
AND THOSE SIMILARLY DESIGNED OR NEWLY INTRODUCED
DRUGS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES, WITHOUT HAVING ANY
THERAPEUTIC REQUIREMENT, OR LESS THAN FIFTY (50) GRAMS OF
MARIJUANA.

"FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING ARE
PRESUMED:

"(A) DANGEROUS DRUGS FOUND TO BE CONCEALED IN AN
ENCLOSED PRIVATE PROPERTY SHALL BE PRESUMED,
UNTIL THE CONTRARY IS PROVEN, THAT THE SAID DRUGS
ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF AND/OR CONCEALED WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE PERSON WHO HAS ACTUAL CONTROL
THEREOF;

"(B) DANGEROUS DRUGS FOUND CONCEALED IN ANY
COMPARTMENT THAT IS SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR
THE PURPOSE ON ANY BUILDING, REAL PROPERTY,
VEHICLE, VESSEL OR ANY KIND OF TRANSPORTATION OR
PERSONAL PROPERTY, SHALL, UNTIL THE CONTRARY IS
PROVEN, BE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN POSSESSED AND/OR
CONCEALED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OCCUPANT,
ADMINISTRATOR, OWNER OR PERSON IN-CHARGE OF THE
PROPERTY;

"(C) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THIS
ACT, ANY PERSON FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ANY
DANGEROUS DRUG IN THE FOLLOWING QUANTITY OR
WEIGHT, REGARDLESS OF PURITY, IS PRESUMED TO HAVE
BEEN ENGAGED IN SELLING, TRADING, DISPENSATION,
ADMINISTRATION, DELIVERY, DISTRIBUTION AND/OR TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS:

“(1) 200 GRAMS OR MORE OF SHABU, COCAINE, COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE, OPIUM, HEROINE, MORPHINE, MARIJUANA RESIN OR MARIJUANA RESIN OIL, OR OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS SUCH AS MDMA OR “ECSTASY,” PMA, TMA, LSD, GHB, AND THOSE SIMILARLY DESIGNED OR NEWLY INTRODUCED DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES WHICH INCLUDE ANALOGUES; AND

“(2) 500 GRAMS OR MORE OF MARIJUANA.”

SEC. 9. A new section denominated as Section 11-A is hereby inserted after Section 11 of the same Act, to read as follows:

“SEC. 11-A. POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. — THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT RANGING FROM TWELVE (12) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY TO TWENTY (20) YEARS AND A FINE RANGING FROM ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P 100,000.00) TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON ANY PERSON, WHO, UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, SHALL POSSESS OR HAS UNDER HIS/HER CONTROL CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, KNOWING, OR UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE ONE REASONABLY KNOWS THAT THESE MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, TRADING, TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, EXPORTATION AND DIVERSION.

“THE MAXIMUM PENALTY PROVIDED FOR UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON ANY PERSON WHO ORGANIZES, MANAGES OR ACTS AS FINANCIER OF THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.”

SEC. 10. Section 12 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 12. Possession of Equipment, Instrument, Apparatus and Other Paraphernalia for Dangerous Drugs. — x x x

“The possession of such equipment, instrument, apparatus and other paraphernalia fit or intended for any of the purposes enumerated in the preceding paragraph shall be prima facie evidence that the possessor has smoked, consumed, administered to himself/herself, injected, ingested or used a dangerous drug and shall be presumed to have violated Section 15 of this Act, UNLESS HE/SHE VOLUNTARILY SUBMITS TO A DRUG TEST TO BE CONDUCTED BY A HOSPITAL, DOCTOR OR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF, OR ACCREDITED BY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THIS PURPOSE, WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FROM APPREHENSION, AND THE RESULT THEREOF IS NEGATIVE. IF THE RESULT OF HIS/HER VOLUNTARY DRUG TEST IS POSITIVE, AFTER CONFIRMATORY TEST, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15 OF THIS ACT SHALL APPLY.”
SEC. 11. Section 13 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. Possession of Dangerous Drugs During Parties, Social Gatherings or Meetings. — Any person found possessing any dangerous drug during a party, or at a social gathering or meeting, or in the proximate company of at least two (2) persons, shall suffer the maximum penalties provided for in Section 11 of this Act] PENALTY OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT TO DEATH AND A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000,000.00) TO TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000,000.00), regardless of the quantity and purity of such dangerous drugs."

SEC. 12. Section 15 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 15. Use of Dangerous Drugs AND CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. — A person apprehended or arrested, who is found to be positive for use of any dangerous drug OR CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL AND A DRUG DEPENDENT, after a confirmatory test[.] AND A DEPENDENCY EXAMINATION, shall be imposed a penalty of a minimum of six (6) months TO EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS IN-PATIENT TREATMENT AND AFTER CARE rehabilitation PROGRAM TO BE DETERMINED BY A PHYSICIAN WHICH SHALL START AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE DRUG DEPENDENT FROM THE REHABILITATION CENTER in a government center for the first offense, subject to the provisions of Article VIII of this Act. IF FOUND TO BE NOT A DRUG DEPENDENT, HE/SHE SHALL SUFFER THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT RANGEING FROM SIX (6) MONTHS AND ONE (1) DAY TO SIX (6) YEARS AND A FINE RANGING FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) TO FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00). If apprehended using any dangerous drug OR CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL for the second time, he/she shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment ranging from six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years and a fine ranging from Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) to Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00): Provided, That this Section shall not be applicable where the person tested is also found to have in his/her possession such quantity of any dangerous drugs provided for under Section 11 AND OF ANY CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS UNDER SECTION 11-A of this Act, in which case the provisions stated therein shall apply.

"ANY PERSON APPREHENDED UNDER THIS SECTION IS PRESUMED TO HAVE USED A DANGEROUS DRUG IF HE/SHE REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO A DRUG TEST WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FROM APPREHENSION. THE ARRESTING OFFICER SHALL INFORM THE SUSPECT ORALLY AND IN WRITING ABOUT THE PRESUMPTION IF HE/SHE DOES NOT PROMPTLY AND VOLUNTARILY SUBMIT TO A DRUG TEST. THIS PRESUMPTION, HOWEVER, SHALL BE OVERTURNED BY A NEGATIVE RESULT OF THE TEST TO BE CONDUCTED BY ANY HOSPITAL, DOCTOR OR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF, OR ACCREDITED BY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THIS PURPOSE, IN THE PRESENCE OF SAID PERSON'S REPRESENTATIVE
AND HIS/HER COUNSEL OF CHOICE OR ANY LAWYER AVAILABLE IF HE HAS NO COUNSEL OF CHOICE.

"POSSSESSION OF ANY INSTRUMENT, APPARATUS OR PARAPHERNALIA FIT OR INTENDED FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN SECTION 12 OF THIS ACT BY ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OR APPREHENDED FOR USING DANGEROUS DRUGS SHALL BE A PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE POSSESSOR HAS SMOKED, CONSUMED, ADMINISTERED TO HIMSELF/HERSELF, INJECTED, INGESTED OR USED A DANGEROUS DRUG."

SEC. 13. Section 16 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 16. Cultivation or Culture of Plants Classified as Dangerous Drugs or are Sources Thereof. – x x x

"The land or portions thereof and/or greenhouses on which any of said plants is cultivated or cultured shall be confiscated and escheated in favor of the State, unless the owner thereof can prove lack of knowledge of such cultivation or culture despite the exercise of due diligence on his/her part. If the land involved is part of the public domain, the maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon the offender. FOR ESCHATE PURPOSES UNDER THIS ACT, THE SUPREME COURT SHALL PROMULGATE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE SAME.

"The maximum penalty provided for under this Section shall be imposed upon any person, who organizes, manages or acts as a "financier" of any of the illegal activities prescribed in this Section.

"A PERSON IS PRESUMED A FINANCIER OF THE VIOLATOR OF THIS SECTION IF HE/SHE CAUSES THE PAYMENT, RAISES, PROVIDES OR SUPPLIES THE MONEY FOR OR UNDERWRITES THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ANY PLANTATION, FARM OR PLACE OF CULTIVATION OR CULTURE OF ANY PLANT CLASSIFIED AS DANGEROUS DRUGS OR SOURCE THEREOF, ANY EVIDENCE SHOWING THE DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF MONEY, OR DRAWING OR ISSUANCE OF A CHECK, MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR INVESTMENT TO THE ACCOUNT, CONTROL OR CUSTODY OF A PERSON OR ENTITY KNOWN TO BE, CONNECTED WITH OR WORKING FOR, THE VIOLATOR OF THIS SECTION IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A PRIMA FACIE PROOF THAT THE SENDER, TRANSFEROR OR ISSUER IS FINANCING THE VIOLATOR'S ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

"The penalty of twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years of imprisonment and a fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person, who acts as a "protector/coddler" of any violator of the provisions under this Section.

"A PERSON IS PRESUMED A CODDLER OR PROTECTOR IF HE/SHE KNOWS THE CULTIVATOR, PRODUCER OR VIOLATOR OF THIS SECTION AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR
POSITION IN PREVENTING THE COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE
WITHOUT ANY JUSTIFIABLE REASON OR GROUNDS, SHIELDING,
HARBORING, SCREENING OR FACILITATING THE ESCAPE OF SAID
VIOLATOR. A PERSON IS LIKewise PRESUMED A PROTECTOR OR
CODDLER IF HE/SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OR HAS REASONABLE
GROUND TO BELIEVE THAT ONE IS A CULTIVATOR, PLANter,
PRODUCER OF PLANTS CLASSIFIED AS DANGEROUS DRUGS OR
SOURCE THEREOF, AND HE/SHE USES HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER
OR POSITION IN PREVENTING THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR
CONVICTION OF SUCH CULTIVATOR, PLANter OR PRODUCER.

"ANY ACT OF THE PROTECTOR OR CODDLER OF SHIELDING,
HARBORING, SCREENING OR FACILITATING THE ESCAPE OF, OR IN
PREVENTING THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF
THE VIOLATOR OF THIS SECTION IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE,
PRIMA FACIE PROOF THAT THE PROTECTOR OR CODDLER HAS
KNOWLEDGE OF, OR CONSENTED TO, THE CULTIVATION OR
PRODUCTION OF PLANTS CLASSIFIED AS DANGEROUS DRUGS OR
SOURCE THEREOF, AND HE/SHE IS PRESUMED FURTHER TO HAVE
USED HIS/HER INFLUENCE, POWER OR POSITION IN DOInG THE
SAME. EXCEPT WHEN IT IS DONE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE
VIOLATOR’S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR HIS/HER LEGAL COUNSEL,
ANY PERSON WHO INTERCEDES AND/OR REPRESENTS THE SAID
VIOLATOR IS, UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, PRESUMED TO HAVE
SHIELDeD, HARBORED, SCREENED OR FACILITATED THE ESCAPE
OF OR PREVENTED THE ARREST, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION
OF THE VIOLATOR."

SEC. 14. Section 20 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 20. Confiscation and Forfeiture of the Proceeds or Instruments
of the Unlawful Act, Including the Properties or Proceeds Derived from the Illegal
Trafficking of Dangerous Drugs and/or Precursors and Essential Chemicals. – x
x x

"x x x

"During the pendency of the case in the Regional Trial Court, no property,
or income derived therefrom, which may be confiscated and forfeited, shall be
disposed, alienated or transferred and the same shall be in custodia legis and no bond
shall be admitted for the release of the same. THE PROHIBITION PROVIDED
HEREIN SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY FIREARM, EXPLOSIVE OR
WEAPON WHICH SHALL BE CONFISCATED, FORFEITED AND
DISPOSED OF IMMEDIATELY BY THE COURT IN FAVOR OF THE
GOVERNMENT, FOR THE USE OF THE PDEA OR OTHER LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN FIGHTING ILLEGAL DRUG
TRAFFICKING.

"x x x"

SEC. 15. Section 21 of the same Act, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. Custody and Disposition of Confiscated, Seized, and/or Surrendered
Dangerous Drugs, Plant Sources of Dangerous Drugs, Controlled Precursors and
Essential Chemicals, Instruments/Paraphernalia and/or Laboratory Equipment.- xxx
“(1) The apprehending team having initial custody and control of the dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, instruments/paraphernalia and/or laboratory equipment shall, immediately after seizure and confiscation, conduct a physical inventory of the seized items and photograph the same TOGETHER WITH A NEWSPAPER OR ANY PUBLICATION DATED ON THAT DAY, OR BY ANY MEANS OR MODE TO INDICATE THE DATE OF THE PHOTOGRAPH in the presence of the accused or the person/s from whom such items were confiscated and/or seized, or his/her representative or counsel, with an elected public official [and] OR a DULY DESIGNATED representative of the National Prosecution Service [or the media] who shall be required to sign the copies of the inventory and be given a copy thereof: Provided, That the physical inventory and photograph shall be conducted at the place where the search warrant is served; or at the nearest police station or at the nearest office of the apprehending officer/team, whichever is practicable, in case of warrantless seizures: Provided, finally, That noncompliance of these requirements under justifiable grounds, as long as the [integrity and the evidentiary value of the] seized items are properly PHOTOGRAHPED, RECORDED AND AUTHENTICATED [properly preserved] by the apprehending officer/team, shall not render void and invalid such seizures and custody over said items.

"THE APPREHENDING TEAM MENTIONED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY DOCUMENT THE ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS OPERATIONS, FROM THE BEGINNING UNTIL THE END, THROUGH THE USE OF A VALID AND LEGITIMATE TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING WEARING BODY-WORN CAMERAS.

"WHERE A SEIZURE OF AN ILLICIT LABORATORY IS MADE, THE PDEA SHALL, WITHIN FORTY EIGHT (48) HOURS, DO THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF CHEMICALS WHICH ARE NOT LISTED AS CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LIQUID OR SOLID CHEMICALS IN UNLABELED CONTAINERS AND/OR IN OPENED CONTAINERS THAT MAY NOT BE RESEALED, AND WASTES, WHICH ARE NOT NEEDED AS EVIDENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF THE CASE: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH ITEMS OF CHEMICALS AND WASTES SHALL BE SEPARATELY PHOTOGRAPHED, EXAMINED, RECORDED, AUTHENTICATED, AND INVENTORIED.

"MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA MAY BE INVITED TO THE JOIN/COVER ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR JOURNALISM PURPOSES ONLY. DETAILS AND FACTS ABOUT THE OPERATION SHOULD NOT BE USED AS CONDITION FOR THE REPORTER TO SIGN THE INVENTORY.

“(2) Within twenty-four (24) hours upon confiscation/seizure of dangerous drugs, plant sources of dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, as well as instruments/paraphernalia and/or laboratory equipment, the same shall be submitted to [the-PDEA Forensic Laboratory for a qualitative and quantitative examination] THE FORENSIC LABORATORY OF THE ARRESTING TEAM FOR THE EXAMINATION AND IDENTIFICATON OF THE SUBJECT SUBSTANCE;
“(3) A certification of the forensic laboratory examination results, which shall be done
UNDER OATH by the forensic laboratory examiner INDICATING THEREIN
THE KIND OF DANGEROUS DRUGS SEIZED, ITS CHEMICAL
COMPOSITION IF POSSIBLE, VOLUME, WEIGHT, AND OTHER
RELEVANT INFORMATION shall be issued immediately upon the receipt of the
subject item/s: Provided, That when the volume of dangerous drugs, plant sources of
dangerous drugs, and controlled precursors and essential chemicals does not allow the
completion of testing within the time frame, a partial laboratory examination report
shall be provisionally issued stating therein the quantities of dangerous drugs still to
be examined by the forensic laboratory: Provided, however, That a final certification
shall be issued immediately upon completion of the said examination and certification;

“(4) After the filing of the criminal case, the Court shall, within seventy-two (72)
hours, conduct an ocular inspection of the confiscated, seized and/or surrendered
dangerous drugs, plant sources of dangerous drugs, and controlled precursors and
essential chemicals, including the instruments/paraphernalia and/or laboratory
equipment, and through the PDEA shall within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter
proceed with the destruction or burning of the same, in the presence of the accused or
the person/s from whom such items were confiscated and/or seized, or his
representative or counsel, a representative from the media and the DOJ, civil society
groups and any elected public official. THE PROPERTY FROM WHERE THE
CLANDESTINELY MANUFACTURED DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED
PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS WERE SEIZED SHALL BE
CLEANED UP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD, IN
COORDINATION WITH THE DOH, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS. The Board shall draw up guidelines on the manner of proper [disposition]
DISPOSITION and destruction of such item/s, INCLUDING THE CLEAN UP OF
THE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY, which shall be borne by the offender. IN
THE CASE OF THE CLEAN UP OF THE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY,
THE LESSOR OF THE PROPERTY OR OWNER ON RECORD SHALL
ALSO BEAR THE COST, UNLESS THE LESSOR OF THE PROPERTY OR
OWNER ON RECORD EACH PROVES LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH
CLANDESTINE MANUFACTURE: [Provided, That those item/s of lawful
commerce, as determined by the Board, shall be donated, used or recycled for
legitimate purposes.] Provided, [further] That a representative sample, duly weighed
and recorded is retained;

“(5) The Board shall then issue a sworn certification as to the fact of destruction or
burning of the subject item/s which, together with the [representative sample]
AUTHENTICATED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVIDENCE in the custody of
the PDEA[,] AND THE FINAL CERTIFICATION OF THE FORENSIC
LABORATORY EXAMINATION shall be submitted to the court having
jurisdiction over the case. [In all instances, the representative sample/s shall be kept to
a minimum quantity as determined by the Board.]

“(6) The alleged offender or his/her representative or counsel shall be allowed to
personally observe all of the above proceedings and his/her presence shall not
constitute an admission of guilt. In case the said offender or accused refuses or [fails
to appoint a representative after due notice in writing to the accused or his/her counsel
within seventy-two (72) hours before] IS UNABLE TO OBSERVE the actual
burning or destruction of the evidence in question, the Secretary of Justice shall
appoint a member of the public attorney's office to represent the former;

"[(7) After the promulgation and judgment in the criminal case wherein the
representative sample/s was presented as evidence in court, the trial prosecutor shall
inform the Board of the final termination of the case and, in turn, shall request the
court for leave to turn over the said representative sample/s to the PDEA for proper
disposition and destruction within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the same;
and]

"xxx";

SEC. 16. Section 22 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 22. Grant of Compensation, Reward and Award. – The Board
shall recommend to the concerned government agency the grant of compensation,
reward and award to any person providing information and to law enforcers
participating in the operation, which results in the successful confiscation, seizure
or surrender of dangerous drugs, plant sources of dangerous drugs, and controlled
precursors and essential chemicals AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT. THE
COMPUTATION OF MONETARY REWARD SHALL BE BASED ON THE
QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED
BY THE FORENSIC LABORATORY EXAMINER WITHIN TWENTY-
FOUR (24) HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF SEIZED ITEMS."

SEC. 17. A new section denominated as Section 25-A is hereby inserted after Section
25 of the same Act, to read as follows:

"SEC. 25-A. AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE. – THE PENALTY
OF ONE DEGREE HIGHER SHALL BE IMPOSED IF A PERSON
VIOLATES SECTIONS 4, 5, 11, AND 15 OF THIS ACT AND THE SAME IS
COMMitted DURING AN EPIDEMIC OR PANDEMIC AS DECLARED
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES."

SEC. 18. Section 26 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. Attempt or Conspiracy. – Any attempt or conspiracy to
commit the following unlawful acts shall be penalized by the same penalty
prescribed for the commission of the same as provided under this Act:

"(a) x x x
   x x x

"(c) x x x
   "(F) CHEMICAL DIVERSION
   "(G) POSSESSION"

SEC. 19. Section 29 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 29. Criminal Liability for Planting of Evidence. – Any person
who is found guilty of "planting" any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor
and essential chemical, regardless of quantity and purity, shall suffer the penalty of
death.
“A DEFENSE OF ‘PLANTING EVIDENCE’ INTERPOSED AND
PLEADED BY ANY PERSON CHARGED FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF
THE UNLAWFUL ACTS PRESCRIBED IN THIS ACT IS PRESUMED TO
BE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE LAW ENFORCER/S OR PRIVATE
INDIVIDUAL/S INVOLVED IN THE ARREST, SEARCH AND SEIZURE.

“AS SOON AS THE ALLEGED PLANTING OF EVIDENCE HAS
BEEN INTERPOSED AND/OR PLEADED BEFORE OR DURING THE
PROSECUTION OF THE CASE AGAINST THE ACCUSED, THE COURT
WHERE THE CASE IS PENDING SHALL CAUSE THE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE WHERE THE COURT IS SITUATED TO
CONDUCT PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR THE VIOLATION OF
THIS SECTION, CONCLUDE THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
WITHIN A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS, AND WHEN
WARRANTED, FILE THE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION. IN THE
MEANTIME, THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CASE SHALL BE
SUSPENDED UNTIL THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IS
CONCLUDED AND RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROCEDURES ENUNCIATED IN SECTION 90 OF THIS ACT. IF THE
INFORMATION IS FILED FOR THE CRIME OF “PLANTING OF
EVIDENCE,” THE LAW ENFORCER OR ANY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL
INVOLVED SHALL BEarraigned AND THE CASE SHALL BE TRIED
JOINTLY WITH THAT OF THE COMPLAINING ACCUSED.

“ANY PERSON WHO IS CHARGED AND PROSECUTED FOR
ALLEGEDLY PUTTING OR PLACING ANY DANGEROUS DRUG OR
SIMILAR SUBSTANCE AND/OR PUTTING OR PLACING ANY DRUG
EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENT OR PARAPHERNALIA ON THE PERSON
OR IMMEDIATE PREMISES OF ANY ACCUSED/SUSPECT, SHALL BE
PRESUMED TO HAVE PUT, PLACED, OR PLANTED THE SAID
EVIDENCE IF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND/OR ENGAGEMENT
FOR THE ARREST, SEARCH AND SEIZURE HAVE NOT BEEN
COMPLIED WITH.”

SEC. 20. A new section denominated as Section 29-A is hereby inserted after Section
29 of the same Act, to read as follows:

“SEC. 29-A. CRIMINAL LIABILITY ON USE OR
IMPLEMENTATION OF SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED BASED ON
PERJURIOUS, FALSIFIED DOCUMENTS OR PLANTED EVIDENCE. –
ANY PERSON WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF WILLFULLY OR
INTENTIONALLY USING OR IMPLEMENTING SEARCH WARRANT
ISSUED BASED ON PERJURIOUS OR FALSIFIED DOCUMENTS AS
DEFINED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, OR PLANTED
EVIDENCE AS DEFINED PENALIZED UNDER EXISTING LAWS SHALL
SUFFER THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SEC. 29 OF THIS
ACT.”

SEC. 21. Section 33 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
"SEC. 33. Immunity from Prosecution and Punishment. —

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17, Rule 119 of the Revised Rules of
Criminal Procedure and the provisions of Republic Act No. 6981 or the Witness
Protection, Security and Benefit Act of 1991, any person who has violated Sections
voluntarily gives information about any violation of Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 and
16, Article II of this Act as well as any violation of the offenses mentioned if
committed by a drug syndicate, or any information leading to the whereabouts,
identities and arrest of all or any of the members thereof; and who willingly testifies
against such persons as described above, shall be exempted from prosecution or
punishment for the offense with reference to which his/her information of testimony
were given, and may plead or prove the giving of such information and testimony
in bar of such prosecution: Provided, That the following conditions concur:

"x  x  x"

SEC. 22. A new section denominated as Section 33-A is hereby inserted after Section 33 of
the same Act, to read as follows:

"SEC. 33-A. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION UNDER OTHER
CIRCUMSTANCES, MINIMUM PENALTY AND COMMUTATION OF
SENTENCE. — ANY PERSON CHARGED FOR ANY OFFENSE UNDER
THIS ACT AND WHO IS NOT QUALIFIED FOR IMMUNITY UNDER THE
PRECEDING SECTION 33 MAY APPLY FOR IMMUNITY FROM
PROSECUTION UNDER THIS SECTION IF HE/SHE IS WILLING TO
REVEAL THE IDENTITY AND PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS
INVOLVED FOR VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 AND 16 OF
ARTICLE II OF THIS ACT, INCLUDING THE VIOLATOR'S
FINANCIERS, PROTECTORS OR CODDLERS.

"THE GRANT OF THE APPLICATION FOR IMMUNITY IS
CONDITIONED UPON THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF ANYONE,
SOME OR ALL OF THE PERSONS HE/SHE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED,
THE WILLINGNESS FROM HIS/HER PART TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE
PERSON/S HE/SHE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED, HE/SHE DOES NOT
APPEAR TO BE THE MOST GUILTY FOR THE OFFENSE TO WHICH
HIS/HER INFORMATION OR TESTIMONY IS GIVEN, AND THE
CONCURRENCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

"(A) THE INFORMATION AND TESTIMONY ARE NECESSARY
FOR THE CONVICTION OF THE PERSONS HE/SHE NAMED OR
IDENTIFIED;

"(B) SUCH INFORMATION AND TESTIMONY ARE NOT YET IN
THE POSSESSION OF THE STATE;

"(C) SUCH INFORMATION AND TESTIMONY CAN BE
CORROBORATED ON ITS MATERIAL POINTS;

"(D) THE INFORMANT OR WITNESS HAS NOT BEEN
PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL
TURPITUDE, EXCEPT WHEN THERE IS NO OTHER DIRECT
EVIDENCE AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE OTHER THAN THE
INFORMATION AND TESTIMONY OF SAID INFORMANT OR
WITNESS; AND

"(E) THE INFORMANT OR WITNESS SHALL, WITHOUT
DELAY, STRICTLY AND FAITHFULLY COMPLY WITH ANY
CONDITION OR UNDERTAKING LAWFULLY IMPOSED BY THE
STATE AS FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR THE GRANT OF
IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT.

"IF HE/SHE SATISFIES THE ABOVE CONDITIONS FOR THE
GRANT OF IMMUNITY, THE APPLICANT MAY BE QUALIFIED FOR
AND BE PLACED UNDER THE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.

"IF NONE OF THE PERSON/S HE/SHE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED
HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED, THE PROSECUTION OF THE
CASE SHALL PROCEED, BUT THE COURT SHALL SUSPEND
PROMULGATION OF JUDGMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING
SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE HIS/HER CASE IS SUBMITTED FOR
DECISION. THE COURT, HOWEVER, IS BOUND TO RENDER
JUDGMENT IF THE ACCUSED REQUESTS FOR EARLY DECISION.

"THE COURT SHALL RENDER A DECISION IF THE PERSON
HE/SHE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED REMAINS AT-LARGE AFTER THE
LAPSE OF THE ORIGINAL OR EXTENDED PERIOD. IF HE/SHE IS
FOUND GUILTY, THE COURT SHALL IMPOSE ONLY THE MINIMUM
PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR PROVEN. HOWEVER,
HE/SHE MAY BE CALLED LATER AS WITNESS FOR THE
PROSECUTION, WITH HIS/HER EXPRESS CONSENT, IN THE EVENT
THAT ONE, SOME OR ALL THE PERSONS HE/SHE NAMED OR
IDENTIFIED HAS OR HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED AND CHARGED IN
COURT FOR VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 AND 16 OF THIS
ACT. IF HE/SHE HAS TESTIFIED FOR THE PROSECUTION, HIS/HER
SENTENCE MAY BE REDUCED, OR HE/SHE MAY BE CONSIDERED TO
HAVE FULLY SERVED HIS/HER SENTENCE AND MAY BE RELEASED
IMMEDIATELY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT."

SEC. 23. Section 36 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 36. Authorized Drug Testing. — Authorized drug testing shall be done
by any government forensic laboratories or by any of the drug testing laboratories
accredited and monitored by the DOH to safeguard the quality of test results. The
DOH shall take steps in setting the price of the drug test with DOH accredited drug
testing centers to further reduce the cost of such drug test. The drug testing shall
employ, among others, [two (2)] testing methods THAT INCLUDE THE
FOLLOWING DRUGS: CANNABIS, COCAINE, OPIATES,
AMPHETAMINES, METHAMPHETAMINE, PHENYCYCLIDINE AND
OTHER DRUGS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE PREVALENT
AT THE TIME, the screening test which will determine the positive result as well
as the type of the drug used and the confirmatory test which will confirm a positive
screening test. Drug test certificates issued by accredited drug testing centers shall
be valid for a [one-year] THREE-MONTH period from the date of issue which
may be used for other purposes. The following shall be subjected to undergo drug
testing:

"(a) x x x
x x x
x x x
"(g) x x x
“(H) PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES. – ALL ATHLETES, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL, IN ANY KIND OF SPORT, SHALL UNDERGO A MANDATORY DRUG TEST TWICE A YEAR. ANY ATHLETE FOUND POSITIVE FOR USE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS SHALL BE SUSPENDED SUBJECT TO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

“x  x  x”

SEC. 24. Section 51 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 51. Local Government Units’ PROGRAMS AND Assistance. – Local government units shall appropriate a substantial portion of NOT LESS THAN TWO PERCENT (2%) OF their respective annual budgets [to assist in or enhance the enforcement of this Act giving priority to preventive or educational programs and the rehabilitation or treatment of drug dependents] IN SUPPORT OF WELL-FUNCTIONING ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCILS (ADACS) AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ANTI-DRUG ABUSE OFFICES (ADAOS).

“THE ADAC IS A MULTI-SECTOR GROUP COMPOSED OF LOCAL OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TASKED TO PLAN, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR ALL ANTI-DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.

“THE ADAO SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE ADAC AND ACT AS ITS SECRETARIAT TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVELY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE BOARD, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.”

SEC. 25. The Title of Article VIII and Sections 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76 of the same Article are hereby amended by deleting the words “drug dependent” wherever they appear and replacing them with the words “DRUG AND/OR CHEMICAL DEPENDENT.”

SEC. 26. Section 78 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 78. Composition of the Board. – The Board shall be composed of [seventeen (17)] TWENTY (20) members wherein three (3) of [which] WHOM are permanent members, the other [twelve (12)] FIFTEEN (15) members shall be in an ex-officio capacity and the two (2) shall be regular members.

“The three (3) permanent members, who shall possess at least seven-year training and experience in the field of dangerous drugs and any of the following fields: in law, medicine, criminology, psychology or social work, shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The President shall designate a Chairman, who shall have the rank of a secretary from among the three (3) permanent members who shall serve for six (6) years. Of the two (2) other members, who shall have the rank
of undersecretary, one (1) shall serve for four (4) years and the other for two (2)
years. Thereafter, the persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office
for a term of six (6) years and until their successors shall have been duly appointed
and qualified.

"The other [twelve (12)] FIFTEEN (15) members who shall be ex-officio
members of the Board are the following:

"(1) Secretary of the Department of Justice or his/her AUTHORIZED
representative;

"(2) Secretary of the Department of Health or his/her AUTHORIZED
representative;

"(3) Secretary of the Department of National Defense or his/her
AUTHORIZED representative;

"(4) Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her AUTHORIZED
representative;

"(5) Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment or his/her
AUTHORIZED representative;

"(6) Secretary of the DILG or his/her AUTHORIZED representative;

"(7) Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development or
his/her AUTHORIZED representative;

"(8) Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs or his/her
AUTHORIZED representative;

"(9) Secretary of the Department of Education or his/her
AUTHORIZED representative;

"(10) Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education or his/her
representative;

"(11) Chairman of the National Youth Commission OR HIS/HER
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; [and]

"(12) Director General of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency [.] OR
HIS/HER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;

"(13) SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION OR HIS/HER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;

"(14) SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
MANAGEMENT OR HIS/HER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; AND

"(15) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS
BOARD.

"[Cabinet secretaries who are] EX-OFFICIO members of the Board,
EXCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD, may designate
their duly authorized and permanent representatives whose ranks shall in no case be
lower than [undersecretary] ASSISTANT SECRETARY. THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD SHALL HAVE NO VOTING RIGHTS ON
ISSUES BEFORE THE BOARD.

"The two (2) regular members shall be as follows:

"(a) The president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines OR HIS/HER
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; and

"(b) The chairman or president of a non-government organization
involved in dangerous drug campaign to be appointed by the President of the
Philippines.

"The Director of the NBI and the Chief of the PNP shall be the [permanent]
EX-OFFICIO consultants of the Board, and [shall] MAY attend all the meetings of
the Board.

"THE BOARD MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF CONSULTANTS
WHO ARE PRESUMED EXPERTS IN DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL
POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS, RESEARCH, AND INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONVENTIONS, SUBJECT TO THE PERTINENT BUDGETARY LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON COMPENSATION, HONORARIA AND ALLOWANCES.

"All members of the Board as well as its [permanent] EX-OFFICIO consultants shall receive per diem for every meeting actually attended subject to the pertinent budgetary laws, rules and regulations on compensation, honoraria and allowances: Provided, That where the representative of an ex-officio member or of the [permanent] consultant of the Board attends a meeting in behalf of the latter, such PERMANENT representatives shall be entitled to receive the per diem."

SEC. 27. Section 79 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 79. Meetings of the Board. – The Board shall meet once a [week] MONTH or as often as necessary at the [discretion] CALL of the Chairman or [at the call of] any four (4) other members. The presence of [nine (9)] ELEVEN (11) members shall constitute a quorum."

SEC. 28. Section 80 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 80. Secretariat of the Board. – x x x

"The existing secretariat of the Board shall be under the administrative control and supervision of the Executive Director. It shall be composed of the following [divisions] SERVICES, namely: Policy Studies, Research and Statistics; Preventive Education, Training and Information; Legal Affairs; and the Administrative and Financial Management."

SEC. 29. Section 82 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 82. Creation of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA). – x x x

"The PDEA shall be headed by a Director General with the rank of Undersecretary, who shall be responsible for the general administration and management of the Agency. The Director General of the PDEA shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and shall perform such other duties that may be assigned to him/her. He/she must possess A POSTGRADUATE DEGREE, A CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE ELIGIBILITY, A CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE ELIGIBILITY AND adequate knowledge, training and experience in the field of dangerous drugs, CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS CONTROL, and in any of the following fields: law enforcement, [law, medicine, criminology, psychology or social work] CRIMINAL POLICING, LEGAL AND PROSECUTION, CRIMINOLOGY, AND INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

"IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, [T]he Director General of the PDEA shall be assisted [in the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities] by two (2) deputies director general with the rank of Assistant Secretary; one for Operations and the other one for Administration. The two (2) deputies director general shall likewise be appointed by the President of the
Philippines upon recommendation of the Director General of the PDEA and the concurrence of the Board. The two (2) deputies director general shall possess the same qualifications as those of the Director General of the PDEA. The Director General and the two (2) deputies director general shall receive the compensation and salaries as prescribed by law.

SEC. 30. Section 84 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 84. Powers and Duties of the PDEA. – The PDEA shall:

(a) x x x
(b) x x x

(f) x x x

(g) [Recommend to the DOJ the forfeiture of properties and other assets of persons and/or corporations found to be violating the provisions of this Act and in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Anti-Money-Laundering Act of 2001.] COORDINATE AND SUBMIT CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS WITH APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COUNCIL (AMLC) FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A FREEZE ORDER, FOR THE INITIATION OF APPROPRIATE SEIZURE OR FORFEITURE PROCEEDING AND FOR THE INVESTIGATION, INSPECTION OR EXAMINATION OF ANY FINANCIAL TRANSACTION, INVESTMENT OR ASSET IN ANY BANK OR FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY OF ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OR APPREHENDED FOR VIOLATING SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 AND 16 OF THIS ACT.

THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OR RECOMMENDATION THAT IS BASED ON RELIABLE AND VERIFIED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SHALL CONTAIN THE NAME OR IDENTITY OF THE SUSPECT AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION. IT SHALL RENDER THE PERSONAL AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS OF THE SUSPECT’S SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 3(B-1) IN RELATION TO SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001." IT SHALL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT IN THE CASE OF A REPORT OR RECOMMENDATION MADE UPON ALL PERSONAL AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS OF A PERSON ARRESTED OR APPREHENDED.

"PROPER COORDINATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH THE AMLC SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES, STRENGTHEN THE CASE, AND/OR SUPPORT THE PROSECUTION AGAINST THE PERSON SUBJECT OF THE REPORT OR RECOMMENDATION;

(h) x x x
(i) x x x

(I-1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," MONITOR ANY
MESSAGE, COMMUNICATION OR CONVERSATION TRANSMITTED
OR RECEIVED THROUGH WIRELESS OR DIGITAL
TELECOMMUNICATION, ON-LINE, INTERNET, CYBER OR
WHATEVER OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IF SAID
MESSAGE, COMMUNICATION OR CONVERSATION IS CONSIDERED
CONNECTED TO THE COMMISSION OF ANY OF THE UNLAWFUL
ACTS OR ACTIVITIES PRESCRIBED IN THIS ACT OR TO AN ACT
PREPARATORY TO, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING SAID
UNLAWFUL ACTS OR ACTIVITIES. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PDEA
SHALL ORGANIZE A SPECIAL UNIT OR OFFICE UNDER ITS
INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES TO MONITOR, BY
THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE, ALL ACTIVITIES OF ANY
PERSON ENGAGED IN IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION,
MANUFACTURE, PLANTATION, CULTIVATION, SELLING, PUSHING,
TRADING, TRANSPORTATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL
DRUGS OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, AND THEIR FINANCIERS,
PROTECTORS OR CODDLERS.

"SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200,
ANY INFORMATION GATHERED OR OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF
VALID MONITORING MENTIONED IN THE PRECEDING
PARAGRAPH, MAY BE USED IN EVIDENCE, WHETHER BEFORE OR
AFTER THE SUBJECT PERSON IS CHARGED FOR VIOLATION OF
THIS ACT.

"x  x  x
"(l)  x  x  x
"(m) Establish and maintain close coordination, cooperation and linkages
with international drug control and administrative agencies and organizations,
WITH DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION AND CHEMICAL DIVERSION
CONTROL FUNCTIONS AND PROGRAMS, and implement applicable
provisions of international conventions and agreements related to dangerous drugs
AND CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS to
which the Philippines is a signatory;
"x  x  x
"(o) [Require all government and private hospitals, clinics, doctors, dentists
and other practitioners to submit a report to it, in coordination with the Board, about
all dangerous drugs and/or controlled precursors and essential chemicals which they
have attended to for data and information purposes]. CONDUCT REGULATORY
COMPLIANCE INSPECTION AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR
CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS
DIVERSION CONTROL PROGRAM AND INVESTIGATION;
"x  x  x"
"(r)  x  x  x
"(S) DEPUTIZE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND/OR UNITS OF
OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AGENCIES, OR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ASSIST IN A MORE RESOLUTE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT."

SEC. 31. Section 85 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
"SEC. 85. The PDEA Academy. — Upon approval of the Board, the PDEA Academy shall be established either in Baguio or Tagaytay City, and in such other places as may be necessary. The PDEA Academy shall be responsible in the recruitment and training of all PDEA agents and personnel. The Board shall provide for the qualifications of its recruits who must be at least twenty-one (21) years old, of proven integrity and honesty and a Baccalaureate degree holder. UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A FUNCTIONAL PDEA ACADEMY IS ESTABLISHED, PDEA IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT ITS TRAINING IN ANY EXISTING TRAINING ACADEMY OR INSTITUTION OR FACILITY OPERATED BY ANY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, OFFICE, AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH AND AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

"x  x  x"

SEC. 32. Section 86 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 86. Transfer, Absorption, and Integration of All Operating Units on Illegal Drugs into the PDEA and Transitory Provisions. — x  x  x

"x  x  x

THE HEADS OF THE PNP, NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OR MISSIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE PLACEMENT OF THEIR PERSONNEL ON DETAIL SERVICE WITH PDEA UPON THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PDEA FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING FIVE (5) YEARS: PROVIDED, THAT THE DETAIL SERVICE WITH PDEA SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS CAREER SERVICE CONNECTED: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DETAIL SERVICE FROM OTHER AGENCIES TO PDEA SHALL CEASE WHEN PDEA IS ABLE TO RECRUIT A MINIMUM OF THREE THOUSAND (3,000) ORGANIC PDEA AGENTS: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE PERSONNEL ON DETAIL SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO JOIN THE PDEA, SUBJECT TO PERTINENT LAWS, CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PDEA.

"x  x  x"

SEC. 33. Section 87 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 87. Appropriations. — x  x  x

All receipts derived from fines, fees and other income authorized and imposed in this Act, including ten percent (10%) of all unclaimed and forfeited sweepstakes and lotto prizes but not less than twelve million pesos (P12, 000,000.00) per year from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), are hereby constituted as a special account in the general fund for the implementation of this Act: Provided, That EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE ALLOWED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ACT, no amount shall be disbursed to cover operating expenses of the Board and other concerned agencies: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT PDEA SHALL RETAIN THE TOTAL COLLECTION FOR DRUGS AND CHEMICAL FEES AND CHARGES TO FUND THE COMPLIANCE
AND DIVERSION CONTROL PROGRAM, PDEA ACADEMY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND FORENSIC LABORATORY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OTHER THAN WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR IN
THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT: Provided [further]FINALLY, That at
least fifty percent (50%) of all the funds, EXCEPT FEES AND CHARGES
COLLECTED BY PDEA, shall be reserved for assistance to government-owned
and/or operated rehabilitation centers.

“x x x”

SEC. 34. Section 92 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 92. Delay and Bungling in the Prosecution of Drug Cases.—Any
government officer or employee tasked with the prosecution of drug-related cases
under this Act, who, through patently laxity, inexcusable neglect, unreasonable delay,
or IN deliberately [causes] CAUSING the unsuccessful prosecution and/or
dismissal of the said drug cases, shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment ranging
from twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years without prejudice to
his/her prosecution under the pertinent provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE, A DECISION OF THE COURT
ACQUITTING THE ACCUSED OR DISMISSING A CASE PROSECUTED
UNDER THIS ACT BASED ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS
SUCH AS, FAILURE TO FORMALLY OFFER EVIDENCE, FILING OF
WRONG INFORMATION, FAILURE TO PRESENT CORPUS DELICTI,
IRREGULARITY/ILLEGALITY OF ARREST, SEACH AND SEIZURE,
FAILURE TO CONDUCT CONFIRMATORY TEST, FAILURE TO
PROSECUTE FOR AN UNREASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME,
INSUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SEC. 21
OF THIS ACT, INCONSISTENT TESTIMONIES, QUASHAL OF
INFORMATION OR SEARCH WARRANT, LACK OF PROBABLE CAUSE,
DEMURRER TO EVIDENCE GRANTED BY THE COURT, AND NON-
PRESENTATION OF VITAL WITNESSES, IS PRESUMED TO HAVE
BEEN UNSUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED AND THE GOVERNMENT
PROSECUTOR, LAW ENFORCER, OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE
INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION THEREOF DELiberately
CAUSED THE UNSUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION AND/OR DISMISSAL
OF THE SAID CASE.

“THE TRIAL COURT OR APPELLATE/REVIEWING COURT
THAT RENDERS THE JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL OR ISSUES THE
ORDER OF DISMISSAL SHALL FURNISH A COPY THEREOF TO THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE
OMBUDSMAN, WHICH SHALL PROMPTLY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE (5)
DAYS FROM RECEIPT THEREOF. THE INVESTIGATION SHALL, IF
WARRANTED, INCLUDE THE IMPOSITION OF APPROPRIATE
ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION AND THE FILING OF PROPER
CRIMINAL ACTION FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.”

SEC. 35. Section 93 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
"SEC. 93. Reclassification, Addition or Removal of Any Drug AND CHEMICAL from the List of Dangerous Drugs OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. — The Board shall have the power to reclassify, add to or remove from the lists of dangerous drugs AND CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. THE BOARD MAY ONLY REMOVE FROM SUCH LISTS, ANY OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL THAT IT HAD ADDED, BY REGULATION, BUT NOT LISTED IN THE SCHEDULES UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SET BY THE 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, AS AMENDED BY THE 1972 PROTOCOL, 1971 CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND 1988 CONVENTION AGAINST ILICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES. THE BOARD SHALL ALSO HAVE THE POWER TO EXEMPT ANY DANGEROUS DRUG PREPARATION AND ANY DRUG OR CHEMICAL PREPARATION OR MIXTURE OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS FROM ANY SPECIFIC PROVISION OF THE REGULATION UNDER THIS ACT: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH DANGEROUS DRUG PREPARATION OR ANY DRUG PREPARATION CONTAINING CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS IS REGISTERED WITH THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS A DRUG, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS ARE LEGITIMATELY TRADED AND SOLD COMMERCIALLY. Proceedings to reclassify, add, or remove a drug, CHEMICAL or other substance, OR EXEMPT IT FROM ANY PRESCRIBED REGULATION may be initiated by the PDEA, the DOH, or by petition from any interested party, including the manufacturer of a drug, CHEMICAL OR OTHER SUBSTANCE, a medical society or association, a pharmacy association, A CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION, a public interest group concerned with drug OR CHEMICAL abuse, a national or local government agency, or an individual citizen. When a petition is received by the Board, it shall immediately begin its own investigation of the drug OR CHEMICAL OR SUBSTANCE. The PDEA also may begin an investigation of a drug, CHEMICAL OR SUBSTANCE at any time based upon the information received from law enforcement laboratories, national and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies, or other sources of information.

"The Board after notice and hearing shall consider the following factors with respect to each substance proposed to be reclassified, added or removed from control OR EXEMPTED FROM ANY PRESCRIBED REGULATORY CONTROL:

"(a) Its actual or relative potential for abuse;
"(b) Scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect if known;
"(c) The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the drug, CHEMICAL or other substance;
"(d) EVIDENCE AND history [and] OF current pattern of abuse, ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND DIVERSION OF SUCH SUBSTANCE;
"(e) The scope, duration, and significance of abuse, ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND DIVERSION;
"(f) Risk to public health; [and]
"(g) Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under this Act;

"(h) TOXICOLOGY, INCLUDING ADVERSE REACTIONS IN HUMANS;

"(i) THERAPEUTIC OR INDUSTRIAL USE;

"(j) WHETHER THE PREPARATION OR MIXTURE IS COMPOUNDED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT PRESENTS NEGligible OR NO RISK, IF ANY, OF ABUSE OR DIVERSION AND THE SUBSTANCE MAY NOT BE RECOVERED BY READILY APPLICABLE MEANS IN QUANTITY LIAble TO ABUSE OR DIVERSION SO THAT THE PREPARATION OR MIXTURE DOES NOT GIVE RISE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM;

"(k) WHETHER THE DRUG OR GROUP OF DRUGS IS FORMULATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT MAY NOT BE EASILY USED IN THE ILICIT PRODUCTION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG; AND

"(l) WHETHER THE CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICAL MAY BE READILY RECOVERED FROM THE DRUG OR GROUPS OF DRUGS OR CHEMICAL MIXTURE OR END PRODUCT CONTAINING THE CHEMICAL.

The Board shall also take into accord the obligations and commitments to international treaties, conventions and agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory.

"The Dangerous Drugs Board shall give notice to the general public of the public hearing of the reclassification, addition to or removal from the list of any drug, CHEMICAL OR SUBSTANCE OR EXEMPTION FROM ANY PRESCRIBED REGULATION by publishing such notice in any newspaper of general circulation once a week for two (2) weeks OR PROVIDING INTERESTED PARTIES WITH DUE NOTICES. THE BOARD SHALL LIKewise GIVE NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF ITS DECISIONS BY PUBLISHING THE REGULATION IN ANY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO (2) WEEKS.

"The effect of such reclassification, addition or removal FROM THE LISTS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, OR EXEMPTION FROM ANY PRESCRIBED REGULATION shall be as follows:

"(a) In case a dangerous drug is reclassified as CONTROLLED precursors and essential chemicals, the penalties for the violations of this Act involving [the two latter categories of drugs] CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS shall, in case of conviction, be imposed in all pending criminal prosecutions;

"(b) In case a CONTROLLED precursor and essential chemical is reclassified as dangerous drug, the penalties for violations of the Act involving CONTROLLED precursors and essential chemicals shall, in case of conviction, be imposed in all pending criminal prosecutions;

"(c) In case of the addition of a new drug OR CHEMICAL to the list of dangerous drugs [and] OR CONTROLLED precursors and essential chemicals, no criminal liability involving the same under this Act shall arise until after the lapse of fifteen (15) days from the last publication of such notice;
“(d) In case of removal of a drug OR CHEMICAL from the list of
dangerous drugs [and] OR CONTROLLED precursors and essential chemicals, all
persons convicted and/or detained for the use and/or possession of such a drug OR
CHEMICAL shall be automatically released and all pending criminal prosecution
involving such a drug under this Act shall forthwith be dismissed; [and]
“(e) [The Board shall, within five (5) days from the date of its
promulgation submit to Congress a detailed reclassification, addition, or removal of
any drug from the list of dangerous drugs.] IN CASE OF EXEMPTION OF
DRUG PREPARATIONS CONTAINING DANGEROUS DRUGS, OR
CHEMICAL MIXTURE OR PREPARATION OF PRODUCT
CONTAINING CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL
CHEMICALS FROM ANY SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF IMPLEMENTING
REGULATIONS, ALL PERSONS CONVICTED AND/OR DETAINED FOR
VIOLATION OF THAT CORRESPONDING SPECIFIC REGULATION
SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED AND ALL PENDING
CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
SHALL FORTHWITH BE DISMISSED; AND
“(F) THE BOARD SHALL, WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM THE
DATE OF ITS PROMULGATION, SUBMIT TO CONGRESS A DETAILED
RECLASSIFICATION, ADDITION, REMOVAL OF ANY DRUG,
CHEMICAL OR OTHER SUBSTANCE FROM THE LISTS OF
DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND
ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, AND EXEMPTIONS.”

SEC. 36. Section 101 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

7659 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1619 [is] ARE hereby amended
accordingly.”

SEC. 37. Separability Clause. – Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof
be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid one, shall
remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 38. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or
parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. THE
PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT IN ANY WAY REPEAL REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9346, OR “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

SEC. 39. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.