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FORTUN, ALMARIO, PADUANO, QUIMBO AND DELOSO-MONTALLA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 564

**“AN ACT
IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES OF STEALING OR
VANDALIZING OF GOVERNMENT ROAD AND TRAFFIC SIGNS, WARNING
DEVICES, ACCESSORIES AND OTHER FACILITIES”**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title** - This Act shall be known as the “Stealing or Vandalizing of
2 Government Road and Traffic Signs and Devices Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy** - It is the policy of the State to protect the safety of
4 people and their property, in this regard, the State shall endeavor to continually
5 improve the condition of roads and make vehicular traffic as safe as possible by
6 providing motorists with appropriate information through signs and accident-
7 prevention devices. In pursuit of this end, the State shall mandate concerned
8 government agencies and instrumentalities to install, in conspicuous and appropriate
9 places, road and traffic signs and devices, to warn motorists of risks and dangers on
10 the road.

11 **SEC. 3. Theft and Damage of Government Traffic and Road Signs and Devices** -
12 It shall be unlawful to steal or vandalize government road and traffic signs, warning
13 devices, accessories, and other facilities, installed by national and local governments
14 for the purpose of cautioning motorists of imminent dangers along the road.

15 **SEC. 4. Government Road and Traffic Signs Warning Devices and Accessories** –
16 As used in this Act, the term "road and traffic signs, warning devices and
17 accessories, and other facilities" shall mean road or traffic signs exemplified by the

1 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause** - Any portion or provision of this Act which may be
2 declared unconstitutional or contrary to any existing law shall not have the effect of
3 nullifying other portions or provisions hereof.

4 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause** - All other laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other
5 issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or
6 modified accordingly.

7 **SEC. 12. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
8 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9 Approved