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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2357



Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to repeal Republic Act No. 5180, "*An Act Prescribing a Uniform System of Preliminary Investigation by Provincial and City Fiscals and their Assistants, and by State Attorneys or their Assistants,*" and its amendatory laws, Presidential Decree Nos. 77 and 911.

It also provides authority to the Department of Justice to issue and promulgate rules and regulations on the conduct of investigations of violations of criminal laws consistent with the Rules of Court or any rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The objective of this bill is to address the systemic delay in our country's criminal justice system.

Thus, passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5180, AS AMENDED, "AN ACT PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS, AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS"

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

SECTION 1. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 5180, "*An Act Prescribing a Uniform System of Preliminary Investigation by Provincial and City Fiscals and their Assistants, and by State Attorneys or their Assistants,*" and its amendatory laws, Presidential Decree Nos. 77 and 911, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *Authority of the Department of Justice (DOJ).* – The DOJ, as the statutorily mandated agency of government to administer the criminal justice system, shall have the power to issue and promulgate rules and regulations on the conduct of investigations of violations of criminal laws consistent with the Rules of Court or any rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation, and upon effectivity of such rules and regulations to be issued and promulgated by the DOJ pursuant to this Act.

Approved,