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Introduced by Honorable Robert Ace S. Barbers

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proliferation of illegal drugs and drug-related crimes have ignited the call for the re-imposition of the capital punishment.

This bill seeks to impose the death penalty on public officers and/or employees who are responsible for the flight of drug mules from any Philippine air or sea port.


According to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), as of June 2016, there are 2,491 Filipinos who are detained abroad for drug-related offenses. Drug couriers constitute a large number of the given figure.

While Filipino drug mules languish in jails abroad and our country continues to reap shame and burden, none of the Philippine air and sea port personnel has ever been penalized.

The height of recklessness of the involved officials and employees is deplorable. For government workers, negligence is an inexcusable crime, which erring employees should pay for with their life.

The imposition of death penalty will not only serve as a deterrent, but will also put an end to this quandary.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urged.


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**AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON ANY PUBLIC OFFICER AND
EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLIGHT OF DRUG MULES FROM
PHILIPPINE AIR AND SEA PORTS**

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

SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, a "drug mule" is any person who originated from or passed, in transit, through any Philippine air/sea port and apprehended in the next immediate foreign port for carrying illegal drugs either in his/her luggage, person or body, resulting in conviction thereafter.

SECTION 2. The penalty of death shall be imposed on any public officer or employee who shall, by gross negligence or for consideration, allow a drug mule to leave the country by boarding an aircraft or vessel, in any airport or seaport.

SECTION 3. Should the President, after final conviction, commute the penalty, the convicted public officer or employee shall not be further eligible for future pardon or parole.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.