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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to provide bigger penalties in the illegal use of firecrackers by amending Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7183 so as to provide stiffer penalties increasing the amount of fine and years of imprisonment for any person who shall violate the law. This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO 7183, ENTITLED "AN ACT**  
**REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF**  
**FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES" BY PROVIDING**  
**STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 11 of republic Act No 7183 is hereby amended read as follows:

"Sec. 11. Penalties. – Any person who manufactures, sells, distributes or uses firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices in violation of the provisions of [this Act] **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183** shall be punished by a fine of not less than [Twenty] **FIVE HUNDRED** thousand pesos [(P20,000.00)] **(P500,000.00)** nor more than [Thirty thousand] **ONE MILLION** pesos [(P30,000.00)] **(P1,000,000.00)**, [or] **AND AN** imprisonment of not less than six (6) [months] **YEARS** nor more than [one (1) year] **TWELVE YEARS (12 years)**, [or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court] in addition to the cancellation of his/**HER** license and business permit and the confiscation by the government of his/**HER** inventory or stock."

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

Approved.