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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill repeals Section 4 (c) (4) of Republic Act No. 10175 or the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, finding basis on the unequivocal constitutional provision on freedom of speech.¹ It is submitted that any form of libel is a form of "abridging the freedom of speech, of expression, of press x x x."

Nonetheless, this bill does not negate civil liability in case the elements of libel subsist, which is but in consonance with the provisions of the Civil Code on Human Relations, specifically Articles 19 to 21 thereof.

Respectfully submitted for immediate consideration and approval.


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¹ Section 4, Article III, The Constitution

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AN ACT
REPEALING SECTION 4 (c) (4), CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175

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

SECTION 1. Repealing Clause. - Section 4 (c) (4), Chapter II of Republic Act No. 10175 is hereby repealed.

All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 2. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes first.

Approved,