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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4742



Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State to recognizes the importance of promoting industrialization through the immediate establishment of an **integrated iron and steel industry** that makes full and efficient use of the country's human and natural resources taking into consideration its critical impact on employment, indigenous resources utilization, foreign exchange and balance of payments position.

The State shall also provide motivation to the growth, promotion, and development of the iron and steel industry as the springboard and basis for launching Philippine industrialization.

More so, the State shall deliver a framework for a rational integrated iron and steel program consistent with the requirements of the government environment protection program.

This House Bill seeks to Provide stiffer penalties for smuggling of **iron and steel products** and provide a set of quality and industry standards for iron and steel products.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7103, "OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY ACT", PROVIDING FOR
STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Republic Act 7103 is hereby amended to
read as follows:

Section 10. Penalties for Smuggling. – Upon the operation of the smelting plants, the following penalties shall be imposed upon any person who shall smuggle, fraudulently import or bring goods into the Philippines that constitute the intermediate or final product of the manufacturing activity described in Section 5 (b) of this Act, such as pig iron and steel, whether in the form of ingots, slabs, blooms, billets, bars, rods, wires, coils, strips, plates, sheets or otherwise, and whether in raw form or galvanized, painted, treated, recast, rolled, finished or processed by any other means, or who shall receive, conceal, buy or in a manner facilitate the

transportation, concealment, or sale after importation of such products:

(a) A fine of not less than Three hundred thousand pesos **(P300,000.00)** and imprisonment of not less than six **(6)** years, if appraised landed value, determined in accordance with the Tariff and Customs Code, including duties and taxes, *of the article unlawfully imported is not more than One Hundred Fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00);*

(b) A fine of not less than Six hundred thousand pesos **(P600,000.00)** and imprisonment of not less than Twelve **(12)** years, if the appraised landed, value, determined as aforesaid, including duties and taxes, *of the article unlawfully imported is more than One Hundred Fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00) but does not exceed Four hundred and fifty thousand pesos (P450,000.00); or*

(c) A fine of not less than One Million pesos **(P1,000,000.00)** and imprisonment of not less than Twenty-four **(24)** years, if the appraised landed value, determined as aforesaid, including duties and taxes, *of the article unlawfully imported exceeds Four Hundred fifty thousand pesos (P450,000.00).*

If the offense is committed by a juridical entity, its president and/or other officials responsible therefore shall be subject to the penalty prescribed above. If the offender, or the president/official in cases where the offense was committed by the juridical entity, is an alien, he shall be deported without further proceedings in addition to the penalty herein prescribed and shall, if naturalized, be automatically denaturalized from the date his sentence becomes final.

SECTION 2. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,