

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1683, March 14, 1980**]

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6425, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the campaign against the manufacture and distribution of dangerous drugs is one of the nation's primary concern in the fight against criminality and lawlessness;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that the use of regulated drugs as substitute for prohibited drugs has become rampant;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative necessity to effectively check the use of both prohibited and regulated drugs by increasing the penalties for illegal traffic in, and illegal importation of, all dangerous drugs, and illegal manufacture of regulated drugs, and by making them capital offenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the land, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. Sub-paragraph (2), paragraph (e) of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(2) "Regulated drug" which includes self-inducing sedatives, such as secobarbital, phenobarbital, pentobarbital, barbital, amobarbital and any other drug which contains a salt or a derivative of a salt of barbituric acid; any salt, isomer or salt of an isomer, of amphetamine, such as bensedrine or dexedrine, or any drug which produces a physiological action similar to amphetamine; and hynotic drugs, such as methaqualone, nitrazepam or any other compound producing similar physiological effects;"

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"**SEC. 3.** *Importation of Prohibited Drugs.*— The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from twenty to thirty thousand pesos shall be imposed upon any person who, unless authorized by law, shall import or bring into the Philippines any prohibited drug."

SEC. 3. Section 14 of the same. Act is amended to read as follows:

"**SEC. 14.** *Importation of Regulated Drugs.* — The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from twenty to thirty thousand pesos shall be imposed upon any person who, unless authorized by law, shall import or bring any regulated drug into the Philippines".

SEC. 4. Article III of R.A. No. 6425 is hereby amended by adding a new section between Sections 14 and 15 to be known as Section 14-A which shall read as follows: