

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6235, June 19, 1971]

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS INIMICAL TO CIVIL AVIATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to compel a change in the course or destination of an aircraft of Philippine registry, or to seize or usurp the control thereof, while it is in flight. An aircraft is in flight from the moment all its external doors are closed following embarkation until any of such doors is opened for disembarkation.

It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to compel an aircraft of foreign registry to land in Philippine territory or to seize or usurp the control thereof while it is within the said territory.

SEC. 2. Any person violating any provision of the foregoing section shall be punished by an imprisonment of not less than twelve years but not more than twenty years, or by a fine of not less than twenty thousand pesos but not more than forty thousand pesos.

The penalty of imprisonment of fifteen years to death, or a fine of not less than twenty-five thousand pesos but more than fifty thousand pesos shall be imposed upon person committing such violation under any of the following circumstances:

1. Whenever he has fired upon the pilot, member of the crew or passenger of the aircraft;
2. Whenever he has exploded or attempted to explode any bomb or explosive to destroy the aircraft; or
3. Whenever the crime is accompanied by murder, homicide, serious physical injuries or rape.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to ship, load or carry in any passenger aircraft operating as a public utility within the Philippines, any explosive, flammable, corrosive or poisonous substance or material.

SEC. 4. The shipping, loading or carrying of any substance or material mentioned in the preceding section in any cargo aircraft operating as a public utility within the Philippines shall be in accordance with regulations issued by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

SEC. 5. As used in this Act—

1. "Explosive" shall mean any substance, either solid or liquid, mixture or single compound, which by chemical reaction liberates heat and gas at high speed