Philippine Laws Against Child Pornography

Republic Act 7610—known as the Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act—deals with child prostitution and other sexual abuse. It states that children who are influenced by an adult, syndicate, or group to engage in sexual intercourse for the monetary or profitable gain of the adult, syndicate, or group are deemed to be victims of child prostitution and other sexual abuse. Those who engage in this exploitation are punished under the law. This includes those who coerce the child into performing the sexual activity and those who engage in the sexual activity with the child.

Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law that addresses concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. CIPA imposes certain types of requirements on any school or library that receives funding for Internet access or internal connections from the E-rate program—a program that makes certain communications technology more affordable for eligible schools and libraries.

The following are the requirements of CIPA:

- Schools and libraries subject to CIPA may not receive the discounts offered by the E-rate program unless they certify that they have an Internet safety policy and technology protection measures in place. This Internet safety policy must block or filter access to images that are obscene, are child pornography, or are otherwise harmful to minors.
- Schools subject to CIPA are required to adopt and enforce a policy to monitor the online activities of minors.
- Schools and libraries subject to CIPA are required to adopt and implement a policy addressing access by minors to inappropriate material on the Internet, the safety and security of minors who engage in electronic communications over the Internet, unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by minors online, unauthorized disclosure of personal information regarding minors, and restricting minors’ access to harmful materials online.

Anti-Child-Pornography Organizations

Anti-child-pornography organizations are nonprofit organizations established to eradicate child pornography so children can live in a better environment. They accept anonymous and online abuse reports to maintain the privacy of individuals. The following are some of the various anti-child-pornography(1,4),(996,993)