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AN ACT
TO INCLUDE THE STUDY OF THE FAMILY CODE (E.O. 209, AS AMENDED
BY E.O. 222) IN THE TERTIARY OR COLLEGIATE LEVEL CURRICULUM AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Executive Order 209, as amended by Executive 221, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines, is one of the notable and innovative measures promulgated during the Administration of then President Aquino. The Family Code which took effect on August 3, 1988 effectuates the reforms and changes to the Civil Code provisions on Family Relations consistent with Filipino values, customs and traditions vis-a-vis recent developments in the socio-cultural scene.

Considering the importance of marriage and family relation in our society, the necessity of providing our countrymen with information regarding their marital rights and obligations is of utmost significance. It is also important to note that in light of the increase in reported cases of spousal abuse, knowledge and familiarity with the provisions of the Family Code is important to enable either spouse to enforce and protect his or her rights under the law. A massive dissemination campaign must be effected in order to make Filipinos cognizant of their rights and obligations. This is even more compelling if we also take into consideration the approval of Republic Act No. 6809 which lowered the age of majority from 21 to 18.

To this end, we must instill reforms in our present educational curriculum so as to make our educational system responsive to the needs of society. Hence, this bill seeks to include the study of the Family Code as part of the curriculum in the tertiary or collegiate level. The proposal seeks to inculcate upon students appreciation of the sanctity of marriage as an inviolable social institution, to preserve close family ties and in case of legal separation or annulment of marriage, to allow them to exercise their respective rights and obligations.

Support of this bill is earnestly requested.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Inclusion of Family Code in the Curriculum.*** – The study of
2 the Family Code of the Philippines (E.O. 209, as amended) is hereby required to
3 be included in the curriculum of tertiary or collegiate level of all private and public
4 educational institutions.

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7 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Commission on
8 Higher Education shall issue and publish the rules and regulations necessary for
9 the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from date of its
10 effectivity.

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13 **SEC. 3. *Penalties for Violation.*** - Any violation or circumvention of the
14 provisions of this Act shall be sanctioned as a violation of the rules and regulations
15 of the Commission on Higher Education.

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18 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and
19 regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby
20 amended or repealed accordingly.

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23 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
24 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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