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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 11, Section 13 provides that:

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being.

It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civil affairs.

The potential of the youth to make lasting contributions to freedom's cause is unparalleled. Yet, some serious flaws have appeared in our social and cultural fabric, characterized by destructive behaviors among some of our youth that are damaging our country and the ability of this generation to achieve its full potential.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a National Commission on the impact of Filipino culture on the youth in order to investigate and make findings and recommendations with respect to:

1. the condition and status of contemporary youth compared to prior generations, with particular attention to family, neighborhood, school, scholastic attainment, work, and community involvement;
2. the nature, origin, and trends of antisocial and violent behavior among the youth;

3. the impact of western culture on the youth, through the pervasive influence of media;
4. recommendations for averting and reducing violence among the youth; and
5. recommendations for parents, families, non-governmental and private sector organizations, and local authorities in building positive developmental experiences among the youth. ¹


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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “National Commission
2 on the Impact of Filipino Culture on the Youth Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Establishment.* – There is established a commission to be known as
4 the “National Commission on the Impact of Filipino Culture on the Youth” (hereinafter
5 referred to as the “Commission”).

6 SECTION 3. *Duty of the Commission.* – The Commission shall investigate and
7 make findings and recommendations with respect to:

8 A. The condition and status of contemporary youth compared to prior
9 generations, with particular attention to family, neighborhood, schools,
10 scholastic attainment, work, and community involvement;

11 B. The nature, origins, and trends of anti-social and violent behavior among
12 the youth, including:

13 1. An analysis of the trends in violent acts in families, neighborhoods,
14 and schools; and

1 2. The influence of organizations, other cultural elements, and
2 individuals contributing to the incitement or encouragement of
3 violent behaviors;

4 C. Identification of successful initiatives that involve the youth in positive
5 development and experiences that curb anti-social behavior among the
6 youth;

7 D. The impact of western culture on the youth, including both its positive and
8 negative effects on them;

9 E. Recommendations for averting and reducing violence among the youth; and

10 F. Recommendations for parents, families, non-governmental and private
11 sector organizations and local authorities in building positive
12 developmental experiences among the youth.

13 SECTION 4. *Membership.* – The Commission shall be composed of eleven (11)
14 members appointed as follows:

15 A. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 B. Two members appointed by the Senate President;

17 C. Six members appointed by the President. The members shall be specially
18 qualified to serve the Commission by reason of education, training or
19 experience;

20 D. The Chairperson of the National Youth Commission shall by the *ex officio*
21 chairman of this Commission.

22 SECTION 5. *Term.* – Each member shall be appointed for the life of the
23 Commission. A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the
24 original appointment was made.

1 SECTION 6. *Quorum.* – Seven members of the Commission shall constitute a
2 quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.

3 SECTION 7. *Powers of the Commission.* –

4 A. *Hearings and Sessions.* – The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying
5 out this Act, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and
6 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate. The Commission
7 shall ensure that its hearings and sessions are open to the public, with
8 significant opportunities for testimony from members of the general public.

9 B. *Powers of Members and Agents.* – Any member or agent of the Commission
10 may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission
11 is authorized to take by this Section.

12 C. *Obtaining Official Data.* – The Commission may secure directly from any
13 department or agency information necessary to enable it to carry out this Act.
14 Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of that
15 department or agency shall cooperate with the Commission in providing that
16 information, subject to rules on confidential government information.

17 D. *Administrative Support Services.* – Upon determination of the Commission, the
18 National Youth Commission shall provide the necessary for the Commission to
19 carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

20 SECTION 8. *Report.* – The Commission shall transmit an interim report to the
21 President and the Congress not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date the
22 Commission is duly organized.

23 The Commission shall transmit a final report to the President and the Congress not
24 later than one year after the date the Commission is duly organized. The final report shall

1 contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together
2 with its recommendation for legislation.

3 SECTION 9. *Termination.* – The Commission shall terminate thirty (30) days after
4 transmitting its final report pursuant to Section 8.

5 SECTION 10. *Appropriations.* – There is authorized to be appropriated such sum
6 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

7 SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
8 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
9 provisions hereof.

10 SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
11 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to
12 or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
13 accordingly.

14 SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
16 circulation.

Approved,

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