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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance on 26 OCT 2004

Re: **Senate Bill No. 1833**

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 221, 566, 1066, 1106, 1334, 1399, and 1739, and ~~1827~~ *[Signature]*

Sponsors: **Senators Flavier and Pangilinan**

Mr. President:

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 221**, introduced by **Senator Osmeña III**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND INSTITUTIONAL
AUTONOMY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 566, introduced by **Senator Villar Jr.**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY”**

Senate Bill No. 1066, introduced by **Senator Angara**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY”**

Senate Bill No. 1106, introduced by Senator Drilon, entitled:

**"AN ACT
TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND INSTITUTIONAL
AUTONOMY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

Senate Bill No. 1334, introduced by Senator Recto, entitled:

**"AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY"**

Senate Bill No. 1399, introduced by Senator Pangilinan, entitled:

**"AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY"**

and Senate Bill No. 1739, introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada (J.),
entitled:

**"AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY"**

and Senate Bill No. 1827, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled: "An Act to strengthen the University
of the Philippines as the National University" have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate University

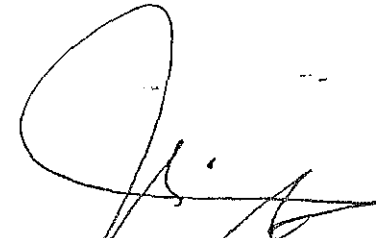
with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1833,


entitled:

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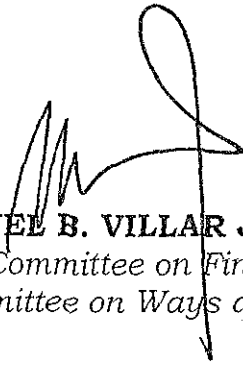
be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 221, 566, 1066, 1106,
1334, 1399, and 1739, with Senators Osmeña III, Villar Jr., Angara,
Drilon, Recto, Pangilinan, and Ejercito Estrada (J.) ^{and Gordon} as authors thereof.

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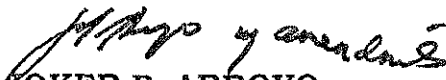

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regarding tax
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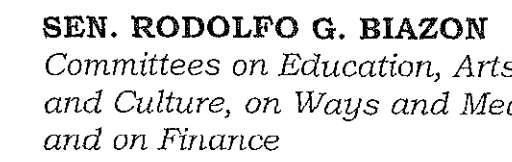
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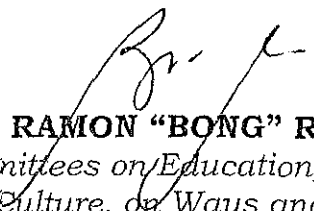
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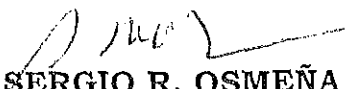
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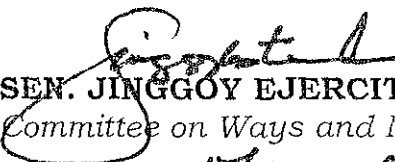
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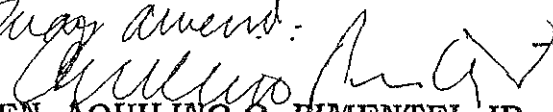

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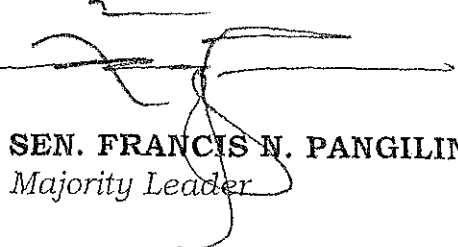

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S. B. No. _____

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1739) and 1827 *ds* *drf*

Introduced by Senators Osmeña III, Villar Jr., Angara, Drilon, Recto,
Pangilinan, and Ejercito Estrada (J.), and Gordon *ds* *drf*

AN ACT

TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as "The University of the
2 Philippines Charter of 2004."

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** The State shall promote, foster,
4 nurture and protect the right of all citizens to quality education. Toward
5 this end, it is the policy of the State to strengthen the University of the
6 Philippines as the National University.

7 **SEC. 3. Purpose of the University.** As the National University, a
8 public and secular institution of higher learning, and a community of
9 scholars dedicated to the search for truth and knowledge, the University of
10 the Philippines shall carry out its unique and distinctive leadership in
11 higher education and national education development through its
12 combined functions, as follows:

13 (1) Lead in setting academic standards and initiating innovations in
14 teaching, research and faculty development in philosophy, the arts

1 and humanities, the social sciences, the professions and
2 engineering, natural sciences, mathematics, and technology; and
3 maintain centers of excellence in such disciplines and professions;

4 (2) Serve as a graduate university by providing advanced studies
5 and specialization for scholars, scientists, writers, artists and
6 professionals, especially those who serve on the faculties of state
7 and private colleges and universities;

8 (3) Serve as a research university in its various fields of expertise
9 and specialization by conducting basic and applied research and
10 development, and promoting research in the various colleges and
11 universities;

12 (4) Lead as a public service university by providing various forms of
13 community, public, and volunteer service, and scholarly and
14 technical assistance to the government, the private sector, and civil
15 society while maintaining its standards of excellence;

16 (5) Provide opportunities for training and learning in progressive
17 leadership, responsible citizenship, and the development of
18 democratic values, institutions and practice; and

19 (6) Serve as a regional and global university in cooperation with
20 international and scientific unions with networks of universities and
21 scholarly and professional associations in the Asia-Pacific region
22 and around the world.

23 **SEC. 4. The University System.** The University of the Philippines,
24 hereinafter referred to as the "University," is a university system and shall
25 be composed of constituent universities established solely by its Board of
26 Regents upon the recommendation of the President of the University.

1 **SEC. 5. Academic Freedom.** The University shall have the right to
2 enjoy and the responsibility to exercise academic freedom.

3 **SEC. 6. Academic Excellence.** The University has the
4 responsibility to maintain and enhance its high academic standards in the
5 performance of its functions of instruction, research, and extension and
6 public service.

7 **SEC. 7. Social Responsibility.** The University is committed to serve
8 the Filipino nation and humanity. While it carries out the obligation to
9 pursue universal principles, it must relate its activities to the needs of the
10 Filipino people and their aspirations for social progress and
11 transformation. The University may provide venues for student
12 volunteerism.

13 **SEC. 8. Democratic Access.** No student shall be denied admission
14 to the University by reason solely of age, gender, nationality, religious
15 belief, ethnicity, physical disability, or political opinion or affiliation. The
16 University shall take affirmative steps to enhance the access of
17 disadvantaged students to its programs and services.

18 **SEC. 9. Institutional Autonomy as the National University.** To
19 provide greater flexibility to the University, it shall be treated in a manner
20 consistent with its institutional requirements as the National University by
21 the service-wide agencies in the exercise of their respective jurisdiction.

22 **SEC. 10. The Board of Regents.**

23 (1) Composition – The government of the University is vested in a
24 board of regents known as the “Board of Regents of the University of the
25 Philippines System,” hereinafter referred to as the “Board,” composed of:

26 (a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education as
27 Chairperson;

- 1 (b) The President of the University of the Philippines System as
2 Vice-Chairperson;
- 3 (c) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts
4 and Culture;
- 5 (d) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Higher and
6 Technical Education;
- 7 (e) The President of the U.P. Alumni Association, to serve as
8 Alumni Regent during his or her incumbency in that position;
- 9 (f) One Faculty Regent chosen by the full-time tenured faculty
10 members of the University from their ranks, to serve for a term
11 of two (2) years;
- 12 (g) One Student Regent, to serve for a term of one (1) year, chosen
13 by the students from their ranks in accordance with rules and
14 qualifications approved in a referendum by the students;
- 15 (h) One Staff Regent representing the full-time permanent
16 research, extension, and professional staff (REPS) and
17 administrative personnel and chosen by them from their ranks,
18 to serve for a term of two (2) years; and
- 19 (i) Three (3) other Regents who have distinguished themselves in
20 their professions or field of specialization chosen from a list of
21 five (5) persons for every vacancy as recommended by a search
22 committee constituted by the President of the University based
23 on standards and guidelines approved by the Board of Regents.
24 At least two (2) of these Regents should be alumni. All these
25 Regents shall be appointed by the Board of Regents and shall
26 each serve for a term of two (2) years: *Provided*, That the
27 Regents holding office as members of the Board of Regents at

1 the time of the effectivity of this Act shall continue to serve until
2 the expiration of their appointments as provided in Executive
3 Order No. 204-A issued by the President of the Philippines on
4 July 15, 1987.

5 (2) Vacancy - In case of vacancy in the Board of Regents, except for
6 the President of the University, such vacancy shall be filled in the same
7 manner as provided for the predecessor, and such appointee shall hold
8 office for the unexpired term. In the case of a sectoral Regent, membership
9 in the Board ceases upon suspension, separation, or recall.

10 (3) Compensation - Members of the Board shall serve without
11 compensation other than actual and necessary expenses incurred in
12 attendance of meetings of the Board or other official business authorized
13 by the Board.

14 (4) Meetings; Quorum - The Board of Regents shall convene
15 regularly. The Chairman of the Board may call a special meeting whenever
16 necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3)
17 days prior to said meeting.

18 A majority of all members of the Board holding office at the time the
19 meeting is called shall constitute a quorum for Board meetings.

20 In no case shall any and all members of the Board appoint
21 representatives to act on their behalf.

22 **SEC. 11. Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.** The
23 administration of the University and the exercise of its corporate powers
24 are vested in the Board of Regents.

25 The Board shall exercise the following specific powers and duties:

26 (a) To define the thrusts of the University and adopt broad policy
27 guidelines to ensure their implementation;

- 1 (b) To preserve the integrity of the University;
- 2 (c) To approve the institution, merger or abolition of academic
3 programs upon recommendation of the University Council of
4 the Constituent University concerned through the President of
5 the University;
- 6 (d) To approve the graduation of students and grant of honors, as
7 recommended by their respective University Councils through
8 the President of the University;
- 9 (e) To confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of
10 learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science, or
11 art, upon recommendation of a committee created by the
12 President of the University: *Provided*, That such degrees shall
13 not be conferred in consideration of any payment, gift or other
14 valuable consideration;
- 15 (f) To approve the institutional programs and rules on student
16 discipline upon recommendation of the University Councils
17 through the President of the University;
- 18 (g) To create, organize, reorganize, merge or abolish constituent
19 universities, colleges, institutes, and other academic and
20 administrative units of the University;
- 21 (h) To establish professorial chair awards;
- 22 (i) To provide fellowships, scholarships and grants, and to award
23 the same to faculty, staff and students having special evidence
24 of merit;
- 25 (j) To elect the President of the University for a term of six (6)
26 years following a process of consultation with the University
27 community based on standards and guidelines set by the Board

1 of Regents. In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Regents
2 shall elect a president who shall serve a full term within six (6)
3 months from the occurrence of the vacancy;

4 (k) To appoint faculty members and other officials and employees,
5 to draw up a position classification and compensation plan for
6 its faculty and staff, and to fix and adjust salaries and benefits
7 of the faculty members and other employees; to determine their
8 hours of service, and such other terms and conditions of
9 employment as it may deem proper; to grant leave of absence
10 under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other
11 provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding; and to
12 remove them for cause as provided by law after due
13 investigation and proper hearing;

14 (l) To extend, with their consent, the tenure of faculty members of
15 the University beyond the compulsory retirement age, on
16 recommendation of the units upon endorsement of the
17 President of the University, whenever their services are
18 especially needed;

19 (m) To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, as
20 the Board may deem proper to impose, after due consultation
21 with the students concerned. Such fees and charges, including
22 government support and other income generated by the
23 University, shall constitute special trust funds and shall be
24 deposited in an authorized government depository bank. Any
25 and all interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of
26 the same funds for the use of the University.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all
2 incomes generated by the University or by its subsidiaries shall,
3 upon their collection, be retained by the University and
4 disbursed at the discretion of the Board for the professional
5 growth and development, health, welfare, and other benefits of
6 the faculty members and other personnel; for the acquisition,
7 construction, maintenance and repair of urgently needed
8 instructional and auxiliary facilities, equipment, buildings and
9 other infrastructure; and for expenses necessary for the
10 attainment of its purposes under its approved program of
11 expenditures;

12 (n) To receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided by law
13 for the support of the University to the ends specified by law,
14 and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion,
15 determine to carry out the purposes and functions of the
16 University;

17 (o) To authorize the construction, maintenance or repair of its
18 buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the
19 purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties,
20 including necessary supplies, materials and equipment;

21 (p) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and
22 personal property of all kinds and to administer and dispose
23 the same when necessary for the benefit of the University and
24 subject to the instructions of the donor, if any;

25 (q) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, to
26 authorize its faculty and staff to travel abroad in order to study,
27 deliver papers, attend conferences and disseminate research:

1 *Provided*, That the fellowship, scholarship or grant is authorized
2 by the Board of Regents;

3 (r) To exercise the general powers set out in the Corporation Code;

4 (s) To delegate any of its powers to the President of the University
5 or any other officials or officers as it may deem necessary;

6 (t) To prescribe rules for its own government and the discipline of
7 the faculty and other personnel and to enact for the
8 government of the University such general policies, rules and
9 regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the
10 purposes of the University; and

11 (u) To exercise such powers as may be proper and necessary to
12 carry out the objectives of this Act.

13 **SEC. 12. The President of the University.** The President of the
14 University is the chief academic officer, head of the University Faculty and
15 the chief executive officer of the University. The President of the University
16 shall exercise the powers specifically provided for in this Act, those
17 determined by the Board of Regents, those which usually pertain to the
18 office of the president of a university, and those which are related or
19 necessary to its functions. The Board of Regents shall determine the
20 compensation of the President of the University.

21 The President of the University shall be appointed by the Board of
22 Regents. S/He shall serve for a term of six (6) years without prejudice to
23 one reappointment after a determination of outstanding performance by a
24 committee created by the Board of Regents: *Provided*, That, the President
25 of the University sought to be reappointed shall not vote or participate in
26 the creation of such committee.

1 **SEC. 13. The Secretary of the University and of the Board of**
2 **Regents.** There shall be a Secretary of the University appointed by the
3 Board of Regents, who shall also be the Secretary of the Board, and who
4 shall keep such records of the University as may be designated by the
5 Board.

6 **SEC. 14. The University Council.** There shall be in each
7 constituent university a University Council consisting of the Chancellor as
8 Chairperson, and of all the faculty members in the University holding the
9 rank of assistant professor and higher as members.

10 **SEC. 15. Powers of the University Council.** The University
11 Council shall be the highest academic body of each constituent university
12 and shall exercise the following powers:

- 13 (a) Fix the requirements for admission to any college or unit,
14 graduation, and the grant of honors subject to the minimum
15 system-wide requirements;
- 16 (b) Prescribe the academic programs including their institution,
17 revision, abolition and merger, subject to the approval of the
18 Board of Regents;
- 19 (c) Recommend to the Board of Regents the graduation of students
20 and the grant of honors;
- 21 (d) Exercise disciplinary power over the students, through the
22 Chancellors or their appropriate committees, subject to review
23 by the President of the University according to the limits
24 prescribed by system-wide rules on student discipline;
- 25 (e) Undertake the periodic review of academic courses, programs,
26 standards, thrusts and policies; and

1 (f) Adopt internal rules of procedure consistent with the provisions
2 of this Act.

3 **SEC. 16. The Chancellor of the Constituent University.** The
4 administration of each constituent university is vested in the Chancellor
5 insofar as authorized by the Board of Regents and the President of the
6 University. The Chancellor of the constituent university shall be elected by
7 the Board of Regents upon nomination of the President of the University,
8 following a process of consultation with the constituents of the
9 Constituent University based on standards and guidelines set by the
10 Board of Regents. The Chancellor shall report to the President of the
11 University, and shall perform the duties and functions elsewhere stated in
12 this Act, and all the usual, necessary and related functions of the office of
13 the chancellor, subject to the policies and rules prescribed by the Board of
14 Regents. The Board of Regents shall determine the term and
15 compensation of the Chancellor.

16 **SEC. 17. The Faculty.** The teaching staff of each college shall
17 constitute its faculty. The College Faculty shall be presided over by a
18 Dean. The Dean shall be elected by the Board of Regents on nomination
19 by the President of the University and upon recommendation of the
20 Chancellor of the constituent university, following a process of
21 consultation with the constituents of the college based on standards and
22 guidelines set by the Board of Regents.

23 **SEC. 18. Appointment Requisites and Practice of Profession.**
24 Faculty members, as well as research, extension and professional staff
25 (REPS) of the University shall be exempt as such from any civil service
26 examination or regulation as a requisite to appointment. The provisions of
27 existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, licensing requirements for

1 professional regulatory boards shall not affect appointments to faculty
2 positions. In the appointment of faculty members, no religious test shall
3 be applied, nor shall the religious or political opinions or affiliations of the
4 faculty members of the University be made subject of examination or
5 inquiry.

6 **Sec. 19. Student Affairs.** (1) There shall be established in the
7 University the following student councils: for every college and degree-
8 granting institute, a college or institute student council; and for every
9 constituent university, a university student council. Each student council
10 shall advance the interests, welfare, and aspirations of its constituents. It
11 shall have the power to adopt internal rules of procedure consistent with
12 the provisions of this Act.

13 Each student council shall be composed of students of an academic
14 unit of the University duly elected by the students of such unit. Each
15 member of the student council shall serve for a term of one (1) year,
16 without prejudice to re-election.

17 (2) Every constituent university, college, institute, and department
18 of the University shall have the right to organize a student publication
19 funded by student fees and enjoy freedom of expression and autonomy in
20 the formulation of editorial policies.

21 **SEC. 20. Land Grants and Other Real Properties of the**
22 **University.**

23 (a) The State shall provide subsidy to the University of the
24 Philippines System as the National University in the form of
25 lump sum amount, through general appropriations and other
26 financial benefits, and in kind, through land grants and
27 donations and use of other real properties. To carry out the

1 intent of these grants, income derived from the development of
2 all land grants and real properties shall be used to further the
3 ends of the University, as may be decided by the Board of
4 Regents.

5 (b) Such parcels of land ceded by law, decree or presidential
6 issuance to the University of the Philippines, are hereby
7 declared to be reserved for the purposes intended. The absolute
8 ownership of the University over these landholdings, including
9 those covered by original and transfer certificates of title in the
10 name of the University of the Philippines and their future
11 derivatives, is hereby confirmed. Where the issuance of proper
12 certificates of title is yet pending for these landholdings, the
13 appropriate government office shall expedite the issuance
14 thereof within six (6) months from the date of effectivity of this
15 Act provided that all registration requirements necessary for the
16 issuance of the said titles have been submitted and complied
17 with.

18 (c) The Board of Regents may plan, design, approve and/or cause
19 the implementation of contracts, mechanisms, and financial
20 instruments, such as joint ventures, long-term leases, fully-
21 owned subsidiaries, securitization and, in exceptional cases,
22 sale, to give the University the flexibility to generate revenues
23 and other resources from land grants and other properties:
24 *Provided*, That such mechanisms and arrangements shall
25 sustain and protect the environment in accordance with law,
26 and be exclusive of the academic core zone of the campuses of
27 the University of the Philippines: *Provided, finally*, that such

1 mechanisms and arrangements shall not conflict with the
2 academic mission of the University.

3 **SEC. 21. Tax Exemptions.** The provisions of any general or special
4 law to the contrary notwithstanding:

5 (1) All revenues and assets of the University of the Philippines
6 used actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes
7 shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;

8 (2) Gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds
9 shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall be
10 considered as allowable deductions from the gross income of
11 the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National
12 Internal Revenue Code, as amended;

13 (3) Importation of economic, technical, vocational, scientific,
14 philosophical, historical and cultural books, supplies and
15 materials, including scientific and educational computer and
16 software equipment, shall be exempt from customs duties;

17 (4) The University shall be exempt from payment of value-added
18 tax; and

19 (5) All honoraria for professional chair awards and other University
20 awards to faculty and staff shall be exempt from taxes.

21 **SEC. 22. Auditing of Accounts.** All accounts and disbursements of
22 the University shall be audited by the Commission on Audit.

23 **SEC. 23. Rules of Construction.** No statutory or other issuances
24 shall diminish the powers, rights, privileges, and benefits accorded to the
25 University under this Act or enjoyed at present by the University under
26 other issuances not otherwise modified or repealed under this Act, unless
27 subsequent legislation expressly provides for their repeal, amendment or

1 modification. Any case of doubt in the interpretation of any of the
2 provisions of this Charter shall be resolved in favor of the academic
3 freedom and fiscal autonomy of the University of the Philippines.

4 **SEC. 24. Appropriations.** The amount needed to carry out the
5 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current fiscal
6 year's lump sum appropriation and other internal funds of the University.
7 Thereafter, such lump sum representing the national government's
8 responsibility for the continued growth, operation and maintenance of the
9 University shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

10 The University may use unexpended balances in any appropriation
11 for purposes that the Board of Regents determines.

12 **SEC. 25. Separability Clause.** Should any provision herein be
13 declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the
14 other provisions of this Act.

15 **SEC. 26. Repealing Clause.** Act No. 1870, as amended, and all
16 laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances or parts
17 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
18 modified accordingly.

19 **SEC. 27. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
20 its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general
21 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,