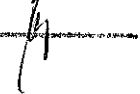


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Anthem symbolizes the history, traditions and struggles of the Filipino people. Not only is the national anthem the official song of the land, but it is the song that binds the heterogeneous Filipino citizenry. The singing of the National Anthem shall therefore be done with all fervour and respect.

The Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines stipulates the rules that will guide the public on the singing of the National Anthem. However, it failed to fine in monetary terms those who will not properly observe the rules. Thus, people tend to just ignore it.

This bill seeks to amend the Code to set a monetary fine to those who will not show enough respect to the National Anthem; who are in effect not respecting the history and ideals of our brave race.


Hence, passage of this bill is urgently requested.


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION THIRTY NINE
OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 8491, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 39 of Republic Act No. 8491 is amended to read as follows:

Section 39. All officials and employees of the national and local government, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, including government-owned or controlled corporations, [privately-owned entities or offices] displaying the national flag [and government institutions of learning] are hereby directed to comply strictly with the rules prescribed for the rendition of the anthem. **THOSE WHO WILL NOT OBSERVE THE RULES SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00), BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00).**

**IN PRIVATELY-OWNED ENTITIES AND OFFICES,
FAILURE TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE RULES
PRESCRIBED FOR THE RENDITION OF THE ANTHEM
SHALL BE A GROUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
DISCIPLINE.**

Section 2. Separability Clause. - If any part, section, or provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,