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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Government projects are funded using tax payer's money.

However, it has been the traditional practice of government officials to label or acknowledge the procurement of items with their names or identities as if the projects or items were personally funded - basic government services such as waiting sheds, ambulances and even trash bins are tagged with their family names.

In the same manner, this practice permits government officials to prematurely campaign for re-election all year round, while at the same time projecting a false and inflated sense of accomplishment to their constituency.

In the interest of objectivity and fairness to the public and the money they have entrusted to the government by way of taxes, this bill deserves immediate consideration and approval. It is the people's money, not theirs.



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AN ACT
DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL ANY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BE
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OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAME OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY
MANNER BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID OFFICIALS

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

SECTION 1. *Prohibited Acts.* - It shall be unlawful for any government projects to be named or identified after any government officials or other persons whose identity may in any manner be associated with said government officials, except those as may be determined by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) in accordance with law or its duly issued guidelines or regulations.

For purposes of this Act, government officials shall mean any person, appointed or elected, in government whose office is given the authority, privilege or right to identify, administer, implement, coordinate or propose a government project.

Government project/s shall, on the other hand, cover goods and infrastructure projects as defined in Section 5 paragraphs h and k, respectively, of Republic Act No. 9184.

SEC. 2. *Penalty.* - The penalty of one (1) year imprisonment and a fine of Php100,000.00 to Php1,000,000.00 shall be imposed upon any person who violates the provisions of this Act. The determination of the amount of fine imposed herein shall be dependent on the amount of the government project concerned.

A second violation, however, shall in addition to the above penalty of imprisonment and fine subject the offender to suffer absolute perpetual disqualification to hold office.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Government Procurement Policy Board in coordination with the NHCP shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or at least three (3) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,