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AN ACT
PROHIBITING PUBLIC OFFICERS FROM CLAIMING CREDIT THROUGH
SIGNAGE ANNOUNCING A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

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

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4 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Anti-Signage on Public*
5 *Works Act.*"

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7 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the State's policy for public officers to serve
8 with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, and to maintain honesty and
9 integrity in public service.

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11 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** - For the purpose of this Act, the term:

12 (A) "Government" means the national government, the local governments, the
13 government-owned and government-controlled corporations, and all other
14 instrumentalities or agencies of the Republic of the Philippines and their
15 branches;

16 (B) "Public officer" means elective and appointive officials and employees,
17 permanent or temporary, whether in the classified or unclassified or exempt
18 service receiving compensation, even nominal, from the government as defined
19 in the preceding paragraph;

20 (C) "Public works" includes, but is not limited to the following: streets,
21 bridges, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public parks, sewage facilities,
22 basketball courts, waiting sheds, and lampposts, which are funded, wholly or
23 partly, though public funds released by the Government and;

1 (D) "Signage" any form of written announcement, installed, posted, hanged, painted
2 or otherwise displayed in a public place.
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4 **SECTION 4. *Prohibited Acts.*** - The following constitute a violation of this Act:

5 (A) Affixing, or causing to be affixed, the name, initials, logo or image of any
6 public official to a signage announcing a proposed, on-going or completed
7 public works project.

8 (B) Installing, or causing to be installed, signage announcing the maintenance,
9 rehabilitation, and construction of public works crediting individual public
10 officer, or bearing his or her image, for the maintenance, rehabilitation, and
11 construction of such public works.
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13 **SECTION 5. *Allowed Practices.*** - Nothing in this Act shall be construed to exclude
14 agencies, departments, and local government units from:

15 (A) Affixing, or causing to be affixed, their official name or logo to a signage
16 announcing a proposed or on-going public works project; or

17 (B) Installing, or causing to be installed, signage announcing the maintenance,
18 rehabilitation, and construction of public works crediting the agency,
19 department, or local government unit, or bearing their logo, for the
20 maintenance, rehabilitation, and construction of such public works.
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22 **SECTION. 6. *Removal of Existing Signage.*** - The Department of Public Works and
23 Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government
24 (DILG) and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), is hereby ordered to remove all
25 existing signage announcing a proposed or on-going public works project, and all existing
26 signage announcing the maintenance, rehabilitation and construction of a public works project
27 bearing the name or image of an individual public officer, within three (3) months after the
28 effectivity of this Act.

29 Thereafter, the DPWH, through the MMDA in metro manila and through the provincial,
30 city and/or municipal engineers in other regions, shall be duty-bound to remove any and all
31 signages mentioned above within seven (7) days from any validated report of the existence
32 thereof, as provided in the next section.
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34 **SECTION 7. *Validated Report.*** - Any report of any of the acts prohibited under
35 Section 4 of this Act shall be addressed to the DPWH Regional Director and must be
36 accompanied by photos of the offending signage and the complete details of the exact location
37 where the signage is found, as well as the date it was last seen, copy furnished to the DPWH

1 secretary. The concerned DPWH regional director shall officially act on the said report and shall
2 send a team to verify and confirm the veracity of the report within seven (7) days from receipt
3 thereof.

4 Upon the validation of the report, the DPWH Regional Director shall officially inform
5 either the MMDA chairman or the concerned provincial, city and/or municipal engineer about
6 the validated report and the latter shall have seven (7) days to act on the validated report.

7 Any such designated officer or officers who shall fail or refuse to comply with the
8 foregoing may be charged administratively for neglect of duty.

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10 **SECTION 8. *Prescription of Offenses.*** - All offenses punishable under this Act shall
11 prescribe in four (4) years.

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13 **SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid
14 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
15 remain valid and subsisting.

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

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20 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,