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STRENGTHENING THE RULES ON THE PROPER USE AND DISPLAY OF OUR
NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution mandates every citizen's obligation to love the country. Nationhood requires that its citizens agree on forms of expression that symbolize the respect, patriotism and love for this country.

Every nation articulates itself through these symbols, rites or ceremonies. Our national symbols, such as the national flag, the anthem, motto, coat-of-arms, and other heraldic items and devices not only link our collective consciousness to a history, but also as a reminder of how we, as a nation, must continuously strive for justice, equality, and freedom, which these symbols signify. Thus, the respect accorded the use of these symbols form the base of good citizenship and must be reiterated and strengthened.

The amendment of Republic Act No. 8491, or the law that prescribes the Code of the heraldic items and devices in the Philippines, is intended to invigorate love of country and underscore the importance of complying with standard expressions of respect for our national symbols.

The intended amendment is focused on distilling the law by polishing the conceptual outline of the law; amending certain provisions for clarity, and updating the law in the light of contemporary changes in attitudes and idioms.

More importantly, the proposed amendments are necessary and timely in the light of practical issues with respect to the singing of the national anthem and the proper display of the flag that have arisen since its implementation in 1998.

For these reasons, the passage of the bill is earnestly requested.

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

1 SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 54 of Republic Act No. 8491 are hereby amended as follows:
2

3 "SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy - IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THE
4 POLICY OF THE STATE THAT [R]eference and respect shall at all
5 times be accorded the flag, the anthem, and other national symbols which
6 embody the national ideals and traditions and which express the
7 principles of sovereignty and national solidarity. The heraldic items and
8 devices shall seek to manifest the national virtues and to inculcate in the
9 minds and hearts of our people a just pride in their native land, fitting
10 respect and affection for the national flag and anthem, and the proper use
11 of the national motto, coat-of-arms and other heraldic items and devices.
12

13 "SEC. 3. Definition of Terms - Whenever used in this Act, the term:
14

15 "[a] "Military" shall mean all branches of the Armed Forces of the
16 Philippines including the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Jail
17 Management and Penology, and the Bureau of Fire Protection]
18

19 "(A) 'ADVERTISEMENT OR INFORMATION' SHALL MEAN
20 ADVERTISEMENT OR ANY INFORMATION MATERIAL IN PRINT,

1 RADIO, TELEVISION, CINEMA, VIDEO AND THE LIKE, OUTDOOR
2 AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, SEEKING TO PROMOTE
3 INDIVIDUALS, ENTITIES, PRODUCTS OR SERVICES FOR
4 COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL PURPOSES OR INFORMATION
5 CAMPAIGNS;

6
7 “(B) ‘DISPLAY’ SHALL REFER TO THE MANNER IN WHICH
8 THE FLAG IS PUBLICLY PRESENTED AND VENERATED.

9 “[b)](C) ‘Festoon’ shall mean to hang in a curved shape between
10 two points as a decoration, CURTAIN, DRAPE, ETC.;

11
12 “[c](D) ‘Flag’ shall mean the Philippine National Flag, unless
13 stated otherwise;

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15 “[d)] (E) ‘Fly’ shall mean the part of the flag outside the hoist or
16 length;

17
18 “[e) ‘Symbol’ shall mean any conventional sign which reveals
19 man’s achievement and heroism (for orders and decorations),
20 identification, authority and a sign of dignity (for coat-of-arms, logo and
21 insignias)]

22
23 “(F) ‘GOVERNMENT ENTITIES’ SHALL MEAN ALL
24 BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEIR BUREAUS AND
25 ATTACHED AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES,
26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED
27 AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT
28 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,
29 AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING ITS
30 BASIC COMPONENT UNITS;

31
32 “[f)](G) ‘Half-Mast’ shall mean lowering the flag to one-half the
33 distance between the top and bottom of the staff. IF THE FLAG IS
34 DISPLAYED IN A HANGING POSITION OR USED IN A PARADE
35 AS A SIGN OF MOURNING, HALF-MAST SHALL MEAN
36 PLACING A BLACK RIBBON ON THE BLUE FIELD HOIST
37 SIDE;

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1 “(H) ‘HALYARD’ SHALL MEAN THE LONG ROPE WHERE
2 THE FLAG FASTENS AND WHICH RUNS UP THE LENGTH OF
3 THE FLAGPOLE;

4
5 “(I) ‘HANGING POSITION’ SHALL MEAN THE WHITE FIELD
6 SHALL BE ON TOP, THE BLUE FIELD SHALL BE TO THE RIGHT
7 (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF PEACE; THE WHITE FIELD
8 SHALL BE ON TOP, AND THE RED FIELD TO THE RIGHT (LEFT OF
9 THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF WAR;

10
11 “(J) ‘HERALDIC ITEMS/HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES’
12 SHALL MEAN COAT-OF-ARMS, SEALS, LOGOS, INSIGNIAS,
13 BADGES, FLASHES, PATCHES, ORDERS AND DECORATIONS,
14 MEDALS, STARS, CITATIONS, LAPEL PINS, TROPHIES, DRY,
15 WAX OR WET SEALS, AND IMPRINTS ON LETTERHEADS,
16 ENVELOPES AND CARDS;

17
18 “[(g)](K) ‘Hoist’ shall mean the part of the flag nearest the staff or
19 the canvass to which the halyard is attached;

20
21 “[(h)](L) ‘Inclement Weather’ shall mean [that a typhoon signal is
22 raised in the locality] A WEATHER CONDITION SUCH AS RAIN OR
23 STRONG WIND THAT WILL BE UNFAVORABLE FOR THE
24 RAISING OF THE FLAG SINCE IT WILL LESSEN THE DIGNITY
25 THAT SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO THE FLAG;

26
27 “[(i)](M) ‘National Anthem’ shall mean the Philippine National
28 Anthem, ENTITLED “LUPANG HINIRANG”;

29
30 “(N) ‘NHCP’ SHALL MEAN THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL
31 COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES;

32
33 “[(j)](O) ‘Official Residences’ shall mean Malacañang, and other
34 government-owned structures where the President resides, [and other
35 structures occupied by] the Philippine ConsulateS or Embassies abroad,
36 AND OTHER STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY NATIONAL AND
37 LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS;

1 “(k)(P) ‘Places of Frivolity’ shall mean places of hilarity marked
2 by or providing boisterous merriment or recreation; [and]

3
4 “(l) ‘Institute’ shall mean the National Historical Institute.];
5

6 “(Q) ‘PHILIPPINE SUN’ SHALL MEAN THE GOLDEN
7 SUNBURST WITH EIGHT EQUALLY SPACED RAYS
8 DISPLAYED IN THE FLAG. EACH RAY HAVING ONE MAJOR
9 BEAM, TWICE AS BROAD AS THE TWO MINOR BEAMS ON
10 EITHER SIDE;

11
12 “(R) ‘SYMBOL’ SHALL MEAN ANY CONVENTIONAL SIGN
13 WHICH REVEALS MAN’S ACHIEVEMENT AND HEROISM
14 USUALLY SHOWN OR DISPLAYED IN MEDALS, CITATIONS,
15 ORDERS, AND DECORATIONS OR IDENTIFICATION OR
16 AUTHORITY SUCH AS COAT-OF-ARMS, LOGOS AND
17 INSIGNIAS;

18
19 “(S) ‘UNIFORMED SERVICE’ SHALL MEAN ALL BRANCHES
20 OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THOSE OF THE
21 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, BUREAU OF JAIL
22 MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, BUREAU OF FIRE
23 PROTECTION, BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, BUREAU OF
24 CUSTOMS, PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, AND OF OTHER
25 AGENCIES USING RANK INSIGNIA;

26
27 “(T) ‘VEXILLARY ITEMS’ SHALL MEAN NATIONAL, LOCAL,
28 HOUSE FLAGS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE, INSTITUTIONAL,
29 CORPORATE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL BANNERS; AND

30
31 “(U) ‘100 TO 120 METRONOME’ SHALL MEAN THE
32 REGULATED AURAL, VISUAL OR TACTILE PULSE TO ESTABLISH
33 A STEADY TEMPO IN THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL
34 ANTHEM.”

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36 CHAPTER I

37 THE NATIONAL FLAG

38 [A. Design of the National Flag]

1
2 **"SEC. 4. DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL FLAG** - The flag of the
3 Philippines shall be blue, white and red with an eight-rayed golden-
4 yellow sun and three five- pointed stars, as consecrated and honored by
5 the people."

6
7 [B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag]
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9 **"SEC. 5. HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG.** -
10 The flag shall be **HOISTED OR** displayed in all public buildings,
11 official residences, public plazas, and institutions of learning everyday
12 throughout the year."

13
14 **"SEC. 6. WHERE FLAG SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY**
15 **DISPLAYED** - The flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and night
16 throughout the year, in front of the following: [at] (A) Malacañang Palace;
17 [the] (B) **SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES BUILDING**; [Congress of the
18 Philippines] (C) **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** building; (D) Supreme
19 Court building; [the] (E) Rizal Monument in Luneta, **CITY OF MANILA**; (F)
20 Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; (G) Barasoain Shrine in Malolos,
21 Bulacan; [the] (H) Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, *Libingan ng mga Bayani*
22 **IN TAGUIG CITY, METRO MANILA**; (I) **ALL MEMORIALS**
23 **DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS OF THE MILITARY**; (J) *Mausoleo de*
24 *los Veteranos de la Revolucion* **IN THE NORTH CEMETERY, CITY OF**
25 **MANILA**; (K) **MARCELA AGONCILLO HISTORICAL**
26 **LANDMARK IN TAAL, BATANGAS**; (L) **PINAGLABANAN**
27 **HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN SAN JUAN CITY, METRO MANILA**;
28 (M) all International Ports of Entry and (N) all other places as may be
29 **SUBSEQUENTLY** designated **AND MARKED** by the [Institute] NHCP.

30
31 "The flag, **ON THE ABOVE-STATED PLACES**, shall be properly
32 illuminated at night."

33 **"SEC. 7. DISPLAY OF FLAG IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND**
34 **OFFICES.** - The flag shall also be displayed in private buildings and
35 residences or raised [in the open on flag-staffs] **ON FLAGPOLES** in
36 front of said buildings [every April 9 (*Araw ng Kagitingan*); May 1 (Labor
37 Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to June 12 (Independence Day); last

1 Sunday of August (National Heroes Day); November 30 (Bonifacio Day);
2 and December 30 (Rizal Day); and December 30 (Rizal Day); on such other
3 days as may be declared by the President and/or the local chief
4 executives] **DURING FLAG DAYS, AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 25 OF**
5 **THIS ACT.**

6
7 "The flag may also be displayed throughout the year in private
8 buildings or offices or raised [in the open on flag-staffs] **ON FLAGPOLES**
9 in front of private buildings: *Provided, That [they] THE OCCUPANTS OF*
10 **THE SAID BUILDING SHALL** observe flag-raising ceremonies in
11 accordance with the **IMPLEMENTING** rules and regulations (**IRR**) to be
12 issued by the [Office of the President] **NHCP.**"

13
14 [SEC. 8. All government agencies and instrumentalities, and local
15 government offices, government-owned corporations and local
16 government units are enjoined to observe flag day with appropriate
17 ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non- government organizations and
18 the private sector are exhorted to cooperate in making the
19 celebrations a success.]

20
21 "SEC. [9] 8. **DISPLAY OF FLAG ON SEAFARINGVESSELS.** - The
22 flag shall be flown on [merchant ships] **ALL SEAFARING VESSELS** of
23 Philippine registry [of more than one thousand (1000) gross tons and on
24 all naval vessels].

25
26 "On board [naval] **SEAFARING** vessels, the flag shall be
27 displayed on the flagstaff at the stern when the ship is at anchor. The
28 flag shall be hoisted to the gaff at the aftermast when the ship is at sea.

29
30 "SEC. [10] 9. **THE BLUE, RED AND WHITE FIELDS OF THE**
31 **FLAG** - The flag, if [flown from a flagpole] **HOISTED** shall have its blue
32 field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in time of war; if in a
33 hanging position, **THE WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP**, the blue
34 field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in time of peace, and the
35 **WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP**, and the red field to the right (left of
36 the observer) in time of war."

1 [The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the
2 top.]

3
4 "SEC. [11]10. *FLAGPOLE IN THE OPEN FIELD.* - If planted on
5 the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place and shall be of
6 such height as would give the flag the commanding position in relation to
7 the buildings in the vicinity. **THE FLAGPOLE STAFF MUST BE**
8 **STRAIGHT AND SLIGHTLY TAPERING AT THE TOP.**

9
10 "If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its roof or
11 anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.

12
13 "If on stage or platform or government office, the flag shall be at
14 the left **OF THE OBSERVER** (facing the stage) or left of the office upon
15 entering.

16
17 "SEC. [12]11. *THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN FLOWN WITH*
18 *ANOTHER FLAG.* - When the Philippine flag is flown with another flag,
19 the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on separate staffs of
20 the same height and shall be of equal size. The Philippine flag shall be **TO**
21 **THE LEFT OF THE OBSERVER AND** hoisted first and lowered last.

22
23 "If the other flag is not a national flag, it may be flown **DURING**
24 **SPECIAL OCCASIONS** in the same [lineyard] **HALYARD** as the
25 Philippine flag but below the latter and it cannot be of greater size than
26 the Philippine flag.

27
28 "SEC. [13] 12. *THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN DISPLAYED WITH*
29 *ANOTHER FLAG.* - When displayed with another flag, the
30 Philippine flag shall be on the right of the other flag (**LEFT OF THE**
31 **OBSERVER**). If there is a line of other flags, the Philippine flag shall be
32 [in the middle of the line] **AT THE LEFTMOST OF THE OBSERVER.**

33
34 "When carried in a parade with flags which are not national flags,
35 the Philippine flag shall be in front of the center of the line.

36
37 "ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE
38 PHILIPPINE FLAG SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE IRR TO BE

1 ISSUED BY THE NHCP PURSUANT TO THE COMMON
2 PROVISIONS STATED IN THIS ACT.”

3
4 “SEC. [14] 13. *PROPER USE, DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT*
5 *OF WORN OUT FLAG.* - THE FLAG SHALL BE REPLACED
6 IMMEDIATELY BY THE CONCERNED AGENCY/
7 INSTITUTION/OFFICE WHEN IT BEGINS TO SHOW SIGNS OF
8 WEAR AND TEAR.

9
10 [A] THE flag worn out through wear and tear shall not be thrown
11 away. It shall be TURNED OVER TO THE APPROPRIATE BOY
12 SCOUTS OR GIRL SCOUTS LOCAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE
13 FOUND IN THE NEAREST SCHOOL WHO SHALL CONDUCT
14 PROPER DISPOSAL RITES ON THE WORN OUT FLAG/S [solemnly
15 burned] to avoid misuse or desecration. [The flag shall be replaced
16 immediately when it begins to show signs of wear and tear.]

17
18 “THE MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF THE WORN OUT FLAG
19 SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES TO BE ISSUED BY
20 THE NHCP.”

21
22 “FLAGS WHICH ARE OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE,
23 WHETHER LOCAL OR NATIONAL, SHALL BE PRESERVED OR
24 KEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES ON CONSERVATION
25 AND PRESERVATION OF THE NHCP.”

26
27 “SEC. [15] 14. *APPROPRIATE TIME FOR FLAG RAISING AND*
28 *LOWERING.* - The flag shall be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. It
29 shall be on the mast at the start of official office hours, AND shall remain
30 flying throughout the day.

31
32 “SEC. [16] 15. *MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG.* - The flag
33 may be displayed:

34 “(a) Inside or outside a building or on stationary OR MOVABLE
35 flagpoles. If the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall be placed
36 at the left of the observer as one enters the room;

37

1 “(b) From the top of the flagpole, which shall be at a prominent
2 place or a commanding position in relation to the surrounding buildings;

3
4 “(c) From a staff projecting upward from the window sill, canopy,
5 balcony or façade of a building;

6
7 “(d) In a suspended position from a rope extending from a
8 building **OR LAMPOST** to **A** pole erected away from the building;

9
10 “(e) Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on top;
11 and

12
13 “(f) Hanging in a vertical position across a street, with the blue
14 field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or pointing north
15 if the road is heading east or west.

16
17 “The flag shall not be raised [when the weather is inclement]
18 **DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**. If already raised **PRIOR TO**
19 **INCLEMENT WEATHER**, the flag shall not be lowered.”

20
21 “**SEC. [17]16. MANNER OF HOISTING THE FLAG.** - The flag
22 shall be hoisted to the top briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

23
24 “The flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the
25 ground, flood, water or other objects.

26
27 “After being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded
28 solemnly as part of the ceremony.”

29
30 [C. Conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony]

31
32 “**SEC. [18] 17. FLAG CEREMONY IN PUBLIC OFFICES AND**
33 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.** - All government offices and
34 educational institutions shall henceforth observe the flag-raising
35 ceremony every Monday morning and the flag lowering ceremony every
36 Friday afternoon. The ceremony shall be simple and dignified and shall
37 include the playing [or] **AND MANDATORY** singing of the Philippine
38 National Anthem.”

1
2 [SEC. 19. The Office of the President upon the recommendation of
3 the Institute shall issue rules and regulations for the proper conduct of
4 flag ceremony.]

5
6 "SEC. [20] 18. *DIGNITY IN THE OBSERVANCE OF FLAG*
7 *CEREMONY.* - The observance of the flag ceremony in official or civic
8 gatherings shall be simple and dignified and shall include the playing [or]
9 **AND MANDATORY** singing of the **NATIONAL** anthem in its original
10 Filipino lyrics and march tempo."

11
12 "SEC. [21] 19. *FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY.* - During the flag-
13 raising ceremony, the assembly shall stand in formation facing the flag.
14 **PROPER ANNOUNCEMENT SHALL BE MADE PRIOR TO THE**
15 **SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** At the moment the first
16 note of the anthem is heard, everyone in the premises shall come to
17 attention; moving vehicles shall stop. All persons present shall place their
18 right palms over their chests, those with hats shall uncover, while those in
19 military, scouting, security guard, and citizens in military training
20 uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations, which
21 salute shall be completed upon the last note of the anthem.

22
23 "The assembly shall sing the Philippine [n]National [a]Anthem,
24 accompanied by a band, if available, and at the first note, the flag shall be
25 raised briskly.

26
27 "The same procedure shall be observed when the flag is passing in
28 review or in parade."

29
30 "SEC. [22] 20. *FLAG-LOWERING CEREMONY.* - During the flag
31 lowering, the flag shall be lowered solemnly and slowly so that the flag
32 shall be down the mast at the sound of the last note of the **NATIONAL**
33 anthem. Those in the assembly shall observe the same deportment or shall
34 observe the same behavior as for the flag-raising ceremony."

35
36 [D. Half Mast]
37

1 "SEC. [23] 21. **FLAG IN HALF-MAST.** - The flag shall be flown at
2 half-mast as a sign of mourning on all the buildings and places [where it
3 is displayed, as provided for in this Act] **WHERE THE DECEASED WAS**
4 **HOLDING OFFICE**, on the day of official announcement of the death of
5 any of the following officials:

6
7 "(a) The President or a former President, **THE FLAG SHALL BE**
8 **FLOWN AT HALF-MAST** for ten (10) days;

9
10 "(b) The Vice-President, the Chief Justice, the President of the
11 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, **THE FLAG**
12 **SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST** for seven (7) days; and

13
14 "(c) [Other persons to be determined by the Institute,] **THE**
15 **INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE**
16 **CABINET, THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,**
17 **AND SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE**
18 **NHCP, THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST** for any period
19 less than seven (7) days;

20
21 ["The flag shall be flown at half-mast on all the buildings and
22 places where the decedent was holding office, on the day of death until
23 the day of interment of an incumbent member of the Supreme Court, the
24 Cabinet, the Senate or the House of Representatives, and such other
25 persons as may be determined by the Institute.]

26
27 "The flag when flown at half-mast shall be first hoisted to the peak
28 for a moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag shall again
29 be raised briskly to the peak before it is lowered for the day."

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31
32 [E. Casket]

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34 "SEC. [24]22. **FLAG OVER THE CASKET.** - The flag may be used
35 to cover the caskets of the honored dead of the military, veterans of
36 previous wars, national artists, and of civilians who have rendered
37 distinguished service to the nation, as maybe determined by the local

1 government unit concerned. In such cases, the flag shall be placed such
2 that the white triangle shall be at the head and the blue portion shall cover
3 the right side of the caskets [.] **PROVIDED, THAT IN AN OPEN**
4 **CASKET, TO VIEW THE CORPSE, THE NATIONAL FLAG SHALL BE**
5 **FOLDED AND PLACED OVER IT.** The flag shall not be lowered to the
6 grave or allowed to touch the ground, but shall be folded solemnly and
7 handed over to the heirs of the deceased.”

8
9 **[F. Pledge to the Flag]**

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11 **“SEC. [25]23. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** – The following shall be
12 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag:

13
14 *“Ako ay Pilipino*
15 *Buong katapatang nanunumpa*
16 *Sa watawat ng Pilipinas*
17 *At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag*
18 *Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan*
19 *Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang*
20 *Maka-Diyos*
21 *Maka-tao*
22 *Makakalikasan at*
23 *Makabansa*

24
25 **“[Such pledge] THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE**
26 **PHILIPPINE FLAG** shall be recited while standing with the right hand
27 with palm open raised shoulder high. Individuals whose faith or religious
28 beliefs prohibit them from making such pledge must, nonetheless, show
29 full respect when the pledge is being rendered by standing at attention.”

30
31 **“SEC. 24. OATH OF PATRIOTISM.** – THE FOLLOWING SHALL
32 BE THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM TO THE PHILIPPINES WHICH
33 SHALL BE RECITED BY STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS IN ADDITION
34 TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE PHILIPPINE FLAG:

35
36 **INIIBIG KO ANG PILIPINAS.**
37
38 **ITO ANG AKING LUPANG SINILANGAN.**
39 **ITO ANG TAHANAN NG AKING LAHI.**

1 AKO'Y KANYANG KINUKUPKOP AT TINUTULUNGAN
2 UPANG MAGING MALAKAS, MALIGAYA, AT
3 KAPAKIPAKINABANG.
4 BILANG GANTI, DIRINGGIN KO ANG PAYO NG AKING MGA
5 MAGULANG.
6 SUSUNDIN KO ANG MGA TUNTUNIN NG AKING PAARALAN.
7 TUTUPARIN KO ANG MGA TUNGKULIN NG ISANG
8 MAMAMAYANG MAKABAYAN AT MASUNURIN SA BATAS.
9 PAGLILINGKURAN KO ANG AKING BAYAN
10 NANG WALANG PAG-IIMBOT
11 AT NANG BUONG KATAPATAN.
12 SISIKAPIN KONG MAGING ISANG TUNAY NA PILIPINO,
13 SA ISIP, SA SALITA, AT SA GAWA.

14
15 THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM SHALL BE RECITED WHILE
16 STANDING WITH THE RIGHT HAND WITH THE PALM OPEN
17 RAISED SHOULDER HIGH. IT SHALL BE RECITED IN ALL BASIC
18 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AFTER THE SINGING OF THE
19 NATIONAL ANTHEM. INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR
20 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS PROHIBIT THEM FROM MAKING SUCH
21 OATH MUST, NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN THE
22 OATH IS BEING RENDERED BY STANDING AT ATTENTION."

23
24 [G. Flag Days]

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26 "SEC. [26] 25. *FLAG DAYS*. - The period from May 28
27 (*NATIONAL FLAG DAY*) to June 12 (*INDEPENDENCE DAY*) of each
28 year is declared as Flag Days, during which period all offices, agencies
29 and instrumentalities of government, business establishments, institutions
30 of learning and private homes are [enjoined] **OBLIGATED** to display the
31 flag: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE*
32 *DISPLAYED IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCES OR*
33 *RAISED ON FLAGPOLES IN FRONT OF SAID BUILDINGS EVERY*
34 *APRIL 9 (ARAW NG KAGITINGAN); MAY 1 (LABOR DAY); MAY 28*
35 *(NATIONAL FLAG DAY) TO JUNE 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY); LAST*
36 *SUNDAY OF AUGUST (NATIONAL HEROES DAY); NOVEMBER 30*
37 *(BONIFACIO DAY); AND DECEMBER 30 (RIZAL DAY); AND ON*

1 SUCH OTHER DAYS AS MAY BE DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT
2 AND/OR LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES."

3
4 "SEC. 26. *OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAYS.* - ALL
5 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED
7 AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL
8 GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE ENJOINED TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY
9 WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES. SOCIO-CIVIC GROUPS, NON-
10 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR
11 ARE EXHORTED TO COOPERATE IN MAKING THE
12 CELEBRATION A SUCCESS."

13
14 [H Specifications of the National Flag]

15
16 "SEC. 27. *FLAG PROPORTIONS.* - The flag shall have the
17 following proportions. The width of the flag, ONE (1); the length of the
18 flag, TWO (2); and the sides of the white triangle, ONE (1)."

19
20 "SEC. 28. *FLAG TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.* - The technical
21 specifications OF THE FLAG shall be as follows:

22
23 "The blue color shall bear Cable No. 80173; the white color, Cable
24 No. 80001; the red color, Cable No. 80108; and the golden yellow, Cable
25 No. 80068."

26
27 "SEC. 29. *STANDARDS FOR FLAG REQUISITION.* - In order to
28 establish uniform criteria in the making of our national flag and to
29 guarantee its durability by the use of quality materials, the following
30 standards and procedures shall be observed:

31
32 "(a) All requisitions for the purchase of the Philippine National
33 Flag must be based on strict compliance with the design, color,
34 craftsmanship and material requirements of the [G] Government;

35
36 "(b) All submitted samples of flags by accredited suppliers offered
37 for purchase for government use shall be evaluated as to design, color and
38 craftsmanship specifications by the [Institute] NHCP, through its
39 Heraldry and Display Section, which shall stamp its approval or

1 disapproval on the canvass reinforcement of the flag sample submitted.
2 The samples shall be sent to the [Institute] NHCP by the requisitioning
3 office, not by the flag supplier; and

4
5 “(c) The Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) or the
6 Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the Department of Science
7 and Technology (DOST) shall evaluate the quality of material of all flag
8 samples and certify whether the fabric for the blue, white, red and golden-
9 yellow colors, including the canvass submitted, conform to government
10 requirements as to quality of the material. The samples shall be sent
11 annually to the ITDI/PTRI by the manufacturer. The laboratory test
12 results shall be submitted by the said office to the [Institute] NHCP.”

13
14 “SEC. 30. *FLAG PURCHASE INSPECTION*. - All deliveries of the
15 flags requisitioned by the government shall be inspected by the
16 requisitioning agency’s internal inspector and by the Commission on
17 Audit (COA) using the flag stamped approved by the [Institute] NHCP as
18 reference.”

19
20 “[SEC. 31.] In carrying out [its] **THE ABOVE** responsibilities
21 [under Section 4 hereof,] the [Institute] NHCP, COA, **AND** the ITDI/PTRI
22 shall prepare guidelines to be approved by [the Office of the President]
23 **ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.**”

24
25 “SEC. [32]31. *STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS*. -
26 All government agencies and instrumentalities shall ensure that the
27 requirements under this Act with respect to the standards,
28 requisitions and delivery of the national flag are strictly complied with.”

29
30 “SEC. [33]32. *FLAG REQUISITION BUDGET*. - All departments,
31 agencies, offices, and instrumentalities of the government, government-
32 owned or controlled corporations, local government units,
33 including barangays, shall include in their annual budgets the necessary
34 outlay for the purchase of the national flag.

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36 **FURTHERMORE, ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE**
37 **DIRECTED TO ALLOCATE APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR A FLAG**

1 **CODE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE PROPER**
2 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FLAG ÇODE."**

3
4 **[I. Prohibited Acts]**

5 **"SEC. [34]33. PROHIBITED ACTS. - It shall be prohibited:**

6 **"(a) To mutilate, deface, defile, trample on or cast contempt or**
7 **commit any act or omission casting dishonor or ridicule upon the flag [or**
8 **over its surface], **ANTHEM, SEAL, MOTTO, COAT-OF-ARMS, AND****
9 **OTHER **HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES;****

10 **"(b) To dip the flag to any person or object by way of compliment**
11 **or salute;**

12 **"(c) To use the flag:**

13 **"(1). As [a] drapery, festoon, tablecloth;**

14 **"(2) As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other objects;**

15 **"(3) As [a pennant] **DRAPERY** in the hood, side, back and top**
16 **of motor vehicles; **ALL CLOTH FLAGS SHOULD BE****
17 ****DISPLAYED FREELY WAVING IN THE AIR;****

18 **"(4) As a staff or whip;**

19 **"(5) **AS COVERING (F)** For unveiling **OF** monuments or**
20 **statues; and**

21 **"(6) As trademarks or for industrial, commercial or agricultural**
22 **labels or designs.**

23 **"(d) To display the flag:**

24 **"(1) Under any painting or picture;**

25 **"(2) Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft and**
26 **be allowed to fall freely;**

27 **"(3) Below any platform; or**

28 **"(4) In discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs, casinos,**
29 **gambling joints an places of vice or where frivolity prevails.**

30 **"(e) To wear the Flag, **SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS** [in whole or in part]**
31 **as **PART OF** a costume or [uniform] **AS A FASHION ACCESSORY OR****
32 ****MERELY AS A DESIGN ELEMENT: *PROVIDED,* THAT THE FLAG,****
33 ****SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, MAY BE INCORPORATED AS PART OF****
34 ****THE UNIFORM OF FILIPINOS REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINES****
35 ****IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS, CULTURAL OR SCIENTIFIC****

1 **COMPETITIONS OR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE**
2 **APPROVAL OF THE NHCP;**

3 "(f) To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings,
4 advertisements, or imprint [of any nature] on the flag[:], **SEAL, COAT-**
5 **OF-ARMS OR ANY REPRESENTATION THEREFORE;**

6 "(g) To print, paint or attach a representation of the flag, **SEAL,**
7 **COAT-OF-ARMS** on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and other articles
8 of merchandise; **AND**

9 [h. To display in public any foreign flag, except in embassies and
10 other diplomatic establishments, and non offices of international organizations,]

11 "[i] (H). To use [,] **OR** display **THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT OF**
12 **ARMS,** or be part of any advertisement or infomercial [,] **WITHOUT**
13 **THE APPROVAL OF THE NHCP [and]."**

14 [j. To display the flag in front of buildings or offices occupied by
15 aliens.]

16
17 **CHAPTER II**
18 **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

19
20 "SEC. [35]34. **TITLE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** - The
21 National Anthem is entitled *Lupang Hinirang.*"

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23 "SEC. [36]35. **LANGUAGE AND LYRICS OF THE NATIONAL**
24 **ANTHEM.** - The National Anthem shall always be sung in the national
25 language within or [without] **OUTSIDE** the country. The following shall
26 be the lyrics of the National Anthem:

27 *"Bayang magiliw,*
28 *Perlas ng Silangan,*
29 *Alab ng puso,*
30 *Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.*
31 *Lupang hinirang,*
32 *Duyan ka ng magiting,*
33 *Sa manlulupig,*
34 *Di ka pasisiil.*
35 *Sa dagat at bundok,*
36 *Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,*
37 *May dilag ang tula,*
38 *At awit sa paglayang minamahal.*

1 *Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y*
2 *Tagumpay na nagniningning,*
3 *Ang bituin at araw niya.*
4 *Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim[.].*
5 *Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,*
6 *Buhay ay langit sa piling mo,*
7 *Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi ,*
8 *Ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo.*
9

10 **"SEC. [37]36. RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** – The
11 rendition of the National Anthem [whether played or sung shall be in
12 accordance with the musical arrangement and composition of Julian
13 Felipe,] **SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUSICAL**
14 **ARRANGEMENT AND COMPOSITION OF JULIAN FELIPE, IN 2/4**
15 **BEAT WHEN PLAYED; AND WITHIN THE RANGE OF 100 TO 120**
16 **METRONOME, IN 4/4 BEAT WHEN SUNG. THE NHCP IN**
17 **COORDINATION WITH THE PROPER GOVERNMENT AGENCY,**
18 **SHALL DISSEMINATE AN OFFICIAL MUSIC SCORE SHEET THAT**
19 **REFLECTS THE MANNER IN WHICH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**
20 **SHOULD BE PLAYED OR SUNG."**

21 **"SEC. [38]37. MANNER OF SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.**
22 – When the National Anthem is played at a public gathering, whether by
23 a band [or by singing or both,] or [reproduced by any means,]
24 **THROUGH THE PLAYING OF A RECORDING IN ANY FORMAT,**
25 the attending public shall sing the **NATIONAL** anthem. The singing
26 **SHALL BE MANDATORY AND** must be done with fervor.
27

28 "As a sign of respect, all persons shall stand at attention and face
29 the Philippine flag, if there is one displayed, and if there is none, they
30 shall face the band or the conductor. At the first note, all persons shall
31 execute a salute by placing the right palms over their left chests. [Those in
32 military, scouting, citizen's] **THE MILITARY AND THOSE** in military
33 training and security guard uniform shall give the salute prescribed by
34 their regulations. The salute shall be completed upon the last note of the
35 anthem.
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2 **"INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**
3 **PROHIBIT THEM FROM SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**
4 **MUST, NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN THE**
5 **NATIONAL ANTHEM IS BEING SUNG OR PLAYED ON RECORD**
6 **BY STANDING AT ATTENTION.**

7
8 "The **NATIONAL** anthem shall not be played and sung [for]
9 **PRECEDING EVENTS OF** mere recreation, amusement or entertainment
10 purposes except on the following occasions:

11
12 "(a) International competitions where the Philippines is the host or
13 has a representative;

14
15 "(b) **NATIONAL OR [L] Local SPORTS** competitions;

16
17 "(c) During the "signing off" and "signing on" of radio
18 broadcasting and television stations;

19
20 "(d) Before the initial and last screening of films or before the
21 opening of theater performances; **PROVIDED, THAT THE OWNERS**
22 **AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL BE**
23 **MANDATED TO ENFORCE PROPER DECORUM AND IMPLEMENT**
24 **THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT;** and

25
26 "(e) Other occasions as may be allowed by the [Institute] NHCP."

27
28 "**SEC. [39]38. STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR THE**
29 **RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** - All officials
30 and employees of the national and local governmentS, and any agency or
31 instrumentality thereof, including government-owned or controlled
32 corporations, privately-owned entities or offices displaying the national
33 flag and government institutions of learning are hereby directed to
34 comply strictly with the rules prescribed for the rendition of the anthem.
35 Failure to observe the rules shall be a ground for administrative
36 discipline."

1 “SEC. 39. *OBLIGATIONS OF EDUCATION REGULATION*
2 *AGENCIES.* - THE DEPED, CHED AND TESDA SHALL ENSURE
3 THAT THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, SHALL
4 BE COMMITTED TO MEMORY BY ALL STUDENTS OF BOTH
5 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND
6 PERFORMED DURING THE FLAG CEREMONY CONDUCTED IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED
8 BY THE NHCP. IN ADDITION, THEY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE
9 THE VOCAL, PIANO OR BAND SCORES OF THE NATIONAL
10 ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, TO ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
11 SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

12
13 CHAPTER III

14 THE NATIONAL MOTTO, THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS
15 AND THE GREAT SEAL

16
17 “SEC. 40. *THE NATIONAL MOTTO.* - The National Motto shall be
18 “MAKA-DIYOS, MAKA-TAO, MAKAKALIKASAN AT
19 MAKABANSA”

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21 “SEC. 41. *THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS.* - The National
22 Coat-of-Arms shall have:

23
24 “[Paleways] FIELD of two (2) pieces, [azure and gules; a chief
25 argent] BLUE WITH AN EAGLE AND RED WITH A LION RAMPART,
26 A WHITE FIELD studded with three (3) [mulletts] STARS equidistant
27 from each other; and, in point of honor, [ovoid argent overall the sun
28 rayonnant with eight minor and lesser rays] WHITE OVAL WITH THE
29 PHILIPPINE SUN AT THE CENTER. Beneath shall be the scroll with the
30 words ‘REPUBLICA NG PILIPINAS,’ inscribed thereon.”

31
32 [CHAPTER VI]

33 [THE GREAT SEAL]

34
35 “SEC. 42. *THE GREAT SEAL.* - The Great Seal shall be circular in
36 form, with the arms as described in the preceding section, but without the
37 scroll and the inscription thereon.

1 “Surrounding the whole shall be a double marginal circle within
2 which shall appear the words ‘Republika ng Pilipinas.’ For the purpose of
3 placing The Great Seal, the color of the arms shall not be deemed essential
4 but tincture representation must be used.”

5
6 [The Great Seal shall bear the National Motto.]
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8 “SEC. 43. *WHERE TO AFFIX THE GREAT SEAL.* - The Great Seal
9 shall be affixed to or placed upon all commission signed by the President
10 and upon such other official documents and papers of the Republic of the
11 Philippines as may be provided by law, or as may be required by custom
12 and usage. The President shall have custody of the Great Seal.”

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14 CHAPTER [VI] IV
15 [OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER]
16 HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES

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18 “SEC. 44. *ADOPTION OF HERALDIC AND SIMILAR DEVICES.* -
19 Any government entity, including the military, may adopt appropriate
20 **HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES SUCH AS MEDALS**, coat-of-arms,
21 administrative seals, logo, insignia, badges, patches, and banners; and
22 initiate awards, citations, orders or decorations; as may be authorized by
23 Congress or the Office of the President.”

24
25 “SEC. 45. *REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS.* - Such heraldic
26 devices and items shall be filed with the [Institute] NHCP for recording
27 and evaluation as to precedence, design, customs and traditions. The
28 [Institute] NHCP shall promulgate the corresponding rules and
29 regulations which shall be submitted for approval to the Office of the
30 President or to Congress.”

31
32 “SEC. 46. *PURCHASE OF HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES*
33 *FROM ACCREDITED SOURCES.* - All government offices including the
34 military are hereby ordered to purchase all heraldic items and devices
35 from manufacturers accredited and authorized by the [Institute] NHCP.
36 Such items and devices shall be subject to inspection by the purchasing
37 agency’s internal inspector and the COA representative using the design

1 and specifications approved by the Office of the President or by the
2 Congress, through the [Institute] NHCP.

3
4 [SEC. 47. No government official or employee shall accept any
5 orders or decorations from any foreign government without the consent
6 of Congress, and without prior evaluation and documentation of such
7 order or decoration by the Institute.]

8
9 CHAPTER [VII] V

10 PENALTIES

11
12 "SEC. [48] 47. *PUBLIC CENSURE/CANCELLATION OF PERMIT.*
13 - Failure or refusal to observe the provisions of this Act; and any violation
14 of the corresponding rules and regulations issued by the [Office of the
15 President,] NHCP shall after proper notice and hearing, be penalized by
16 public censure which shall be published at least once in a newspaper of
17 general circulation."

18
19 "The Department of Education [Culture and Sports] (DepEd) and
20 the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), upon the recommendation
21 of the [Institute] NHI and after the proper notice and hearing, shall cause
22 the cancellation of the recognition or permit of any private educational
23 institution which fails or refuses to observe the provisions of this Act for
24 the second time."

25
26 ["SEC. 49 - The Department of Education, Culture and Sports
27 (DECS) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall ensure
28 that the National Anthem, as adopted by law, shall be committed to
29 memory by all students of both public and private educational
30 institutions, and performed during the flag ceremony conducted in
31 accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the Officer of the
32 President. In addition, they shall make available the vocal, piano or band
33 scores of the National Anthem, as adopted by law, to all private and
34 public schools, as well as the general public.]

1 “SEC. [50] 48. *PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS.* - Any person
2 WHO or ANY juridical entity which violates any of the provisions of this
3 Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than [Five]
4 FIFTY thousand pesos [(P5,000)] (PHP 50,000.00) nor more than [Twenty]
5 ONE HUNDRED thousand pesos [(P20,000)] (PHP 100,000.00) [,] [or]
6 AND by imprisonment for not more than [one (1) year] TWO (2) YEARS:
7 [or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court:
8 *Provided*, That for any second and additional offenses, both fine and
9 imprisonment shall always be imposed:] *Provided*, [further] That in case
10 the violation is committed by a juridical person, its President or Chief
11 Executive Officer thereof shall be liable.

12 “THE NHCP MAY PRESCRIBE IN THE IMPLEMENTING
13 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT OTHER ACTS OR
14 OMISSIONS WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED DISRESPECTFUL, AND
15 THUS PROHIBITED, RELATIVE TO THE FLAG, NATIONAL
16 ANTHEM, GREAT SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, NATIONAL MOTTO,
17 AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES.”

18 “SEC. 49. *CITIZEN’S ARREST.* - ANY CITIZEN SHALL HAVE
19 THE POWER TO CONDUCT A CITIZEN’S ARREST IF A PERSON IS
20 ACTUALLY VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT
21 IN HIS/HER PRESENCE AND CAN SUMMON ALL LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ASSIST HIM IN CONDUCTING
23 CITIZEN’S ARREST. ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND USHERS IN
24 MOVIEHOUSES ARE LIKEWISE AUTHORIZED TO ARREST THE
25 VIOLATORS.”

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29 CHAPTER [VIII] VI
30 COMMON PROVISIONS

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32 “SEC. [51] 50. *APPROPRIATIONS.* - TO CARRY OUT THE
33 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN MILLION
34 PESOS (Php 15,000,000.00) SHALL BE INITIALLY APPROPRIATED
35 OUT OF THE FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY.
36 SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY

1 CONGRESS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE NHCP UNDER THE
2 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."

3 "SEC. 51. *ISSUANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND*
4 *THEIR ENFORCEMENT.* - The [Institute] NHCP shall issue the necessary
5 rules and regulations [to implement the provisions of Act] within ninety
6 (90) days after [effectivity] **THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.** The
7 [Institute] NHCP shall submit its rules and regulations to the Office of the
8 President and the Congress of the Philippines."

9
10 "[SEC. 52 -] The [Institute] NHCP shall [also] be responsible for the
11 strict enforcement of the provisions of this Act. It may call upon any
12 government department, agency, office, or government instrumentality,
13 including government corporations and local government units, for such
14 assistance as it may deem necessary for the effective discharge of its
15 functions under this Act."

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17 "[Sec. 53. *Separability Clause* - If any provision, or part hereof, is
18 held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act not otherwise
19 affected shall be valid and subsisting.]

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21 "SEC 52. *SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.* - IF FOR ANY REASON,
22 ANY PORTION OR PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE
23 DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, OTHER PARTS OR
24 PROVISIONS HEREOF WHICH ARE NOT AFFECTED THEREBY
25 SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT."

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27 "[SEC. 54. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or
28 issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule
29 or regulation contrary to part or parts thereof, inconsistent with the
30 provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.]

31
32 "SEC. 53. *REPEALING CLAUSE.* - ALL LAWS, DECREES,
33 EXECUTIVE ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, PART OR
34 PARTS THEREOF, INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
35 THIS ACT, ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED
36 ACCORDINGLY."

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2 SEC. 2. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its
3 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
4 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

5 *Approved,*