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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The demise of one who has been of service to the people, whether as an official of the government, both national and local, elected through popular will or national artist and musician deserves the honor and protocol reflective of the statesmanship imbued by public service and dedication to the art respectively.

Public sympathy and grief in such times of bereavement should be accorded expression and responsively addressed by the government institution the deceased had been part of. This being reason enough to provide for policy standards in the manner such last respects should be bestowed. Guidelines and regulations relative of public grief in state funerals in honor of the public servant and national artist necessary to facilitate such public affairs efficiently and effectively is deemed in order and is hereby provided.

In view of the foregoing the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE FINAL PROTOCOL OF DECEASED
PUBLIC OFFICIAL, NATIONAL ARTIST AND MUSICIAN IN THE
GOVERNMENT HALLS OF THEIR LOCALITY OF RESIDENCE IN
HONOR AND RESPECT FOR THEIR SERVICE, PROVIDING
GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Coverage - All elected public officials, national and local, national artists and musicians shall in their demise be honored by the government and shall be subject to burial and funeral rites in the government hall of their locality of residence, city, municipal or provincial hall, as the case may be. The provisions herein shall exclude all public officials, national and local, national artists and musicians who by reasons of their religious affiliations would be subject to their own funeral rites.

SEC. 2. Coordinating Agencies - The DSWD and DILG shall coordinate the planning and organization of said state funeral rites, thru their concerned local government offices and LSWD officials assigned in the locality. Coordination shall include:

- a) arrangements with the family of the deceased regarding time, dates and program of activities and materials;
- b) coordinate with the local government unit and local chief executive concerned for logistical support and physical preparations necessary for the accommodation of the public sympathy and grief; and
- c) the route of the funeral parade rites.

SEC. 3. Labor Power Requirement - The DSWD and DILG thru their respective field offices, shall designate as many personnel necessary to supervise and coordinate the event and respectfully require the assistance of the local government unit concerned for the use of additional personnel as need arises.

The DILG, in coordination with the local government unit concerned, shall mobilize the area while the PNP shall provide the required security and traffic requirements for the burial and funeral parade rites made open to the public.

SEC. 4. Funds, Allowances. - All government and PNP personnel designated for the purposes herein provided shall be covered with the required special order issued by their respective agencies for their participation in the funeral rites, subject of this act. Likewise, they shall be entitled to the allowed additional compensation should the situation justify the release of such overtime pay etc. as may be provided in the current PS appropriation for Current Year 2009 of the respective offices.

Incidental expense such as food, drinks, venue use and equipment rental of any sort shall be chargeable to the non-office appropriation under the Office of the Local Chief Executive of the local government unit.

The foregoing shall be observed for the first year of implementation of this Act. After which agencies involved shall include provision in their annual budget for the purposes herein set forth.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulation. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this act the DILG in coordination with DSWD and the Mayors League of the Philippines and Governors' League of the Philippines formulate the guidelines and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. - If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,