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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 serve 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 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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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491 ENTITLED, "AN ACT PRESCRIBING
THE CODE OF THE NATIONAL FLAG, ANTHEM, MOTTO, COAT-OF-ARMS
AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES OF THE PHILIPPINES"

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

1 SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 8491 is hereby amended as follows:

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3 "SECTION 1. *Short Title* - This act shall be known as the "Flag and Heraldic
4 Code of the Philippines.

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

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

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18 "[(o)](A)"**DISPLAY, HOIST OR RAISE**" SHALL REFER TO THE
19 MANNER IN WHICH THE FLAG IS PUBLICLY PRESENTED
20 AND VENERATED.

21 "(b) "Festoon" shall mean to hang in a curved shape between two points
22 as a decoration, **CURTAIN, DRAPE, ETC.;**

- 1 “(c) “Flag” shall mean **ANY REPRESENTATION OF** the Philippine
2 National Flag **IN WHATEVER MEDIA**, unless stated otherwise;
- 3 “(d) “Fly” shall mean the part of the flag outside the hoist or length;
- 4 “~~(f)~~**(E)**“Half-Mast” shall mean lowering the flag to one-half the distance
5 between the top and bottom of the staff. **IF THE FLAG IS**
6 **DISPLAYED IN HANGING POSITION OR USED IN PARADE AS**
7 **A SIGN OF MOURNING, HALF-MAST SHALL MEAN PLACING**
8 **A BLACK RIBBON ON THE BLUE FIELD HOIST SIDE;**
- 9 “~~(m)~~**(F)**“HANGING POSITION” SHALL MEAN THE WHITE FIELD
10 SHALL BE ON TOP, THE BLUE FIELD SHALL BE TO THE RIGHT
11 (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF PEACE; THE WHITE
12 FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, AND THE RED FIELD TO THE
13 RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF WAR;
- 14 “(g) “Hoist” shall mean the part of the flag nearest the staff or the canvass
15 to which the halyard is attached;
- 16 “(h) “Inclement Weather” shall mean [that a typhoon signal is raised in the
17 locality] **A WEATHER CONDITION SUCH AS RAIN OR STRONG**
18 **WIND THAT WILL BE UNFAVORABLE FOR THE RAISING OF**
19 **THE FLAG SINCE IT WILL LESSEN THE DIGNITY THAT**
20 **SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO THE FLAG.**
- 21 “~~(a)~~**(I)**“Military” shall mean all branches of the Armed Forces of the
22 Philippines including the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Jail
23 Management and Penology, the Bureau of Fire Protection, **BUREAU**
24 **OF IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATION, BUREAU OF**
25 **CUSTOMS, COAST GUARD, AND OTHER AGENCIES USING**
26 **RANK INSIGNIA;**
- 27 “~~(i)~~**(J)**“National Anthem” shall mean the Philippine National Anthem
28 **ENTITLED “LUPANG HINIRANG”;**
- 29 “~~(l)~~**(K)** [“Institute”] “NHI” shall mean the National Historical
30 Institute;
- 31 “~~(j)~~**(L)** “Official Residences” shall mean Malacañang, and other
32 government-owned structures where the President resides, [and other
33 structures occupied by the] Philippine ConsulateS or
34 Embassies abroad, **AND OTHER STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY**
35 **THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS;**
- 36 “~~(k)~~**(M)**“Places of Frivolity” shall mean places of hilarity marked by or
37 providing boisterous merriment or recreation; [and]
- 38 “(n) “**PHILIPPINE SUN” SHALL MEAN THE GOLDEN SUNBURST**
39 **WITH EIGHT RAYS, EQUALLY SPACED; EACH RAY HAS ONE**

1 MAJOR BEAM, TWICE AS BROAD AS THE TWO MINOR
2 BEAMS ON EITHER SIDE; AND

3 “[e](O)”Symbol” shall mean any conventional sign which reveals man’s
4 achievement and heroism (for MEDALS, CITATIONS, orders, and
5 decorations), identification, authority and a sign of dignity (for coat-
6 of-arms, logo and insignia);

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8 CHAPTER I
9 THE NATIONAL FLAG

10
11 [A. Design of the National Flag]

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13 “SEC. 4. DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL FLAG - The flag of the Philippines
14 shall be blue, white and red with an eight-rayed golden-yellow sun and three five-
15 pointed stars, as consecrated and honored by the people.

16
17 [B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag]

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19 “SEC. 5. HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG - The flag
20 shall be **HOISTED OR** displayed in all public buildings, official residences, public
21 plazas, and institutions of learning everyday throughout the year.

22
23 “SEC. 6. WHERE FLAG SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED - The
24 flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and night throughout the year, in front of the
25 following: [at] Malacañang Palace; [the] **SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**
26 **BUILDING**; [Congress of the Philippines] **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
27 building; Supreme Court building; the Rizal Monument in Luneta, Manila;
28 Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; Barasoain Shrine in Malolos, Bulacan; the Tomb
29 of the Unknown Soldier, *Libingan ng mga Bayani* **IN TAGUIG, METRO MANILA**;
30 **ALL MEMORIALS DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS OF THE MILITARY**;
31 *Mausoleo de los Veteranos de la Revolucion* **IN NORTH CEMETERY, MANILA**;
32 **MARCELA AGONCILLO HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN TAAL, BATANGAS**;
33 **PINAGLABANAN HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN SAN JUAN, METRO**
34 **MANILA**; all International Ports of Entry and all other places as may be
35 **SUBSEQUENTLY** designated **AND MARKED** by the [Institute] NHI.

36
37 “The flag, **ON THE ABOVE-STATED PLACES**, shall be properly
38 illuminated at night.

1 **"SEC. 7. DISPLAY OF FLAG IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND OFFICES -**
2 The flag shall also be displayed in private buildings and residences or raised in the
3 open flag-staffs in front of said buildings [every April 9 (*Araw ng Kagitingan*); May 1
4 (Labor Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to June 12 (Independence Day); last Sunday
5 of August (National Heroes Day); November 30 (Bonifacio Day); and December 30
6 (*Rizal Day*); and on such other days as may be declared by the President and/or the
7 local chief executives] **DURING FLAG DAYS, AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 24 OF THIS**
8 **ACT.**

9
10 **THE FLAG MAY ALSO BE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN**
11 **PRIVATE BUILDINGS OR OFFICES OR RAISED ON FLAGPOLES IN FRONT**
12 **OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS: PROVIDED THAT, THEY OBSERVE FLAG**
13 **CEREMONIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND**
14 **REGULATIONS (IRR) TO BE ISSUED BY THE NHI.**

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16 **[B. DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG]**

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

21
22 **"On board [naval] SEAFARING vessels, the flag shall be displayed on the**
23 **flagstaff at the stem when the ship is at anchor. The flag shall be hoisted to the gaff**
24 **at the aftermast when the ship is at sea.**

25
26 **"SEC. [10] 9. THE BLUE, RED AND WHITE FIELDS OF THE FLAG -** The
27 flag, if [flown from a flagpole] **HOISTED** shall have its blue field on top in time of
28 peace and the red field on top in time of war; if in a hanging position, **THE WHITE**
29 **FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP**, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer)
30 in time of peace, and the **WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP**, and the red field to
31 the right (left of the observer) in time of war.

32
33 **[The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the top.]**

34
35 **"SEC. [11] 10. FLAGPOLE IN THE OPEN FIELD -** If planted on the ground,
36 the flagpole shall be at a prominent place and shall be of such height as would give
37 the flag the commanding position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity. **THE**
38 **FLAGPOLE STAFF MUST BE STRAIGHT AND SLIGHTLY TAPERING AT THE**
39 **TOP.**

1
2 “If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its roof or anchored
3 on a sill projecting at an angle upward.
4

5 “If on stage or platform or government office, the flag shall be at the left
6 (facing the stage) or left of the office upon entering.
7

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

13 “If the other flag is not a national flag, it may be flown **DURING SPECIAL**
14 **OCCASIONS** in the same [lineyard] **HALYARD** as the Philippine flag but below the
15 latter and it cannot be of greater size than the Philippine flag.
16

17 “SEC. [13] 12. *THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN DISPLAYED WITH*
18 *ANOTHER FLAG* - When displayed with another flag, the Philippine flag shall be on
19 the right of the other flag (**LEFT OF THE OBSERVER**). If there is a line of other
20 flags, the Philippine flag shall be [in the middle of the line] **AT THE LEFTMOST OF**
21 **THE OBSERVER**.
22

23 “When carried in a parade with flags which are not national flags, the
24 Philippine flag shall be in front of the center of the line.
25

26 **ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE PHILIPPINE**
27 **FLAG SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE IRR TO BE ISSUED BY THE NHI**
28 **PURSUANT TO THE COMMON PROVISIONS STATED IN THIS LAW.**
29

30 “SEC. [14] 13. *DISPOSAL OF WORN OUT FLAG* - [A] **THE** flag worn out
31 through wear and tear, shall not be thrown away. It shall be solemnly burned to
32 avoid misuse or desecration. The flag shall be replaced immediately when it begins
33 to show signs of wear and tear.
34

35 “SEC. [15] 14. *APPROPRIATE TIME FOR FLAG RAISING AND*
36 *LOWERING* - The flag shall be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. It shall be on
37 the mast at the start of official office hours, **AND** shall remain flying throughout the
38 day.
39

1 THAT, ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 EDUCATION (DEPED), COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED),
3 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
4 (TESDA) SHALL OBSERVE THE FLAG CEREMONY DAILY. The ceremony shall
5 be simple and dignified and shall include the playing [or] AND singing of the
6 Philippine National Anthem.

7
8 [SEC. 19. The Office of the President upon the recommendation of the
9 Institute shall issue rules and regulations for the proper conduct of flag ceremony.]

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

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

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

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

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

35
36 [D. Half Mast]

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38 "SEC. [23] 21. *FLAG IN HALF-MAST* - The flag shall be flown at half-mast as
39 a sign of mourning on all the buildings and places where it is displayed, as provided

1 for in this Act, **STARTING** on the day of official announcement of the death of any
2 of the following officials:

3
4 “(a) The President or a former President, for ten (10) days;

5 “(b) The Vice-President, the Chief Justice, the President of the
6 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for
7 seven (7) days; and

8 “(c) Other persons to be determined by the [Institute] **NHI**, for
9 any period less than seven (7) days;

10
11 “The flag shall be flown at half-mast on all the buildings and places where the
12 [decedent] **DECEASED** was holding office, on the day of death until the day of
13 interment of an incumbent member of the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, the Senate or
14 the House of Representatives, and such other persons as may be determined by the
15 [Institute] **NHI**.

16
17 “The flag when flown at half-mast shall be first hoisted to the peak for a
18 moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag shall again be raised briskly
19 to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

20
21 [E. Casket]

22
23 “**SEC. [24] 22. FLAG OVER THE CASKET** - The flag may be used to cover the
24 caskets of the honored dead of the military, veterans of previous wars, national
25 artists, and of civilians who have rendered distinguished service to the nation, as
26 maybe determined by the local government unit concerned. In such cases, the flag
27 shall be placed such that the white triangle shall be at the head and the blue portion
28 shall cover the right side of the caskets. The flag shall not be lowered to the grave or
29 allowed to touch the ground, but shall be folded solemnly and [handled] **HANDED**
30 over to the heirs of deceased.

31
32 [F. Pledge to the Flag and Flag Days]

33
34 “**SEC. [25] 23. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The following shall be the
35 Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag:

36
37 “*Ako ay Pilipino*
38 *Buong katapatang nanunumpa*
39 *Sa watawat ng Pilipinas*

1 “SEC. [28] 27. *FLAG TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS* - The technical
2 specifications **OF THE FLAG** shall be as follows:

3
4 “The blue color shall bear Cable No. 80173; the white color, Cable No. 80001;
5 the red color, Cable No. 80108; and the golden yellow, Cable No. 80068.

6
7 “SEC. [29] 28. *STANDARDS FOR FLAG REQUISITION* - In order to
8 establish uniform criteria in the making of our national flag and to guarantee its
9 durability by the use of quality materials, the following standards and procedures
10 shall be observed:

11
12 “(a) All requisitions for the purchase of the Philippine
13 National

14 Flag must be based on strict compliance with the design,
15 color, craftsmanship and material requirements of the
16 Government;

17 “(b) All submitted samples of flags by accredited suppliers offered for
18 purchase for government use shall be evaluated as to design, color
19 and craftsmanship specifications by the [Institute] **NHI**, through
20 its Heraldry and Display Section, which shall stamp its approval
21 or disapproval on the canvass reinforcement of the flag sample
22 submitted. The samples shall be sent to the [Institute] **NHI** by the
23 requisitioning office, not by the flag supplier; and

24 “(c) The Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) or the
25 Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the Department of
26 Science and Technology (DOST) shall evaluate the quality of
27 material of all flag samples and certify whether the fabric for the
28 blue, white, red and golden-yellow colors, including the canvass
29 submitted, conform to government requirements as to quality of
30 the material. The samples shall be sent annually to the ITDI/PTRI
31 by the manufacturer. The laboratory test results shall be
32 submitted by the said office to the [Institute] **NHI**.

33
34 “SEC. [30] 29. *FLAG PURCHASE INSPECTION* - All deliveries of the flags
35 requisitioned by the government shall be inspected by the requisitioning agency’s
36 internal inspector and by the Commission on Audit (COA) using the flag stamped
37 approved by the [Institute] **NHI** as reference.

- 1 “(6) As trademarks or for industrial, commercial or
2 agricultural labels or designs.
- 3 “(d) To display the flag:
- 4 “(1) Under any painting or picture;
- 5 “(2) Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft
6 and be allowed to fall freely;
- 7 “(3) Below any platform; or
- 8 “(4) In discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs, casinos,
9 gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity
10 prevails.
- 11 “(e) To wear the Flag, **SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS** [in whole or in
12 part] as **PART OF** a costume or [uniform] **AS A FASHION**
13 **ACCESSORY OR MERELY AS A DESIGN ELEMENT;**
14 **PROVIDED THAT THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS,**
15 **MAY BE INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE UNIFORM**
16 **OF FILIPINOS REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINES IN**
17 **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS, CULTURAL OR SCIENTIFIC**
18 **COMPETITIONS OR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE**
19 **APPROVAL OF THE NHI;**
- 20 “(f) To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings,
21 advertisements, or imprint [of any nature] on the flag[;], **SEAL,**
22 **COAT-OF-ARMS OR ANY REPRESENTATION**
23 **THEREFORE;**
- 24 “(g) To print, paint or attach representation of the flag, **SEAL,**
25 **COAT-OF-ARMS** on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and
26 other articles of merchandise; **AND**
- 27 [h. To display in public any foreign flag, except in embassies and
28 other diplomatic establishments, and non offices of
29 international organizations,]
- 30 “[i]H. **TO USE OR DISPLAY THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT OF ARMS,**
31 **OR BE PART OF ANY ADVERTISEMENT OR**
32 **INFOMERCIAL WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE NHI**
33 [and].
- 34 [j. To display the flag in front of buildings or offices occupied by
35 aliens.]
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1 CHAPTER II
2 THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

3
4 **"SEC. [35] 33. TITLE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** - The National Anthem
5 is entitled *Lupang Hinirang*.

6
7 **"SEC. [36] 34. LANGUAGE AND LYRICS OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** -
8 The National Anthem shall always be sung in the national language within or
9 without the country. The following shall be the lyrics of the National Anthem:

10
11 *"Bayang magiliw,*
12 *Perlas ng Silanganan,*
13 *Alab ng puso,*
14 *Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.*

15
16 *Lupang hinirang,*
17 *Duyan ka ng magiting,*
18 *Sa manlulupig,*
19 *Di ka pasisiil.*

20
21 *Sa dagat at bundok,*
22 *Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,*
23 *May dilag ang tula,*
24 *At awit sa paglayang minamahal.*

25
26 *Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y*
27 *Tagumpay na nagniningning,*
28 *Ang bituin at araw niya.*
29 *Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim[.]*

30
31 *Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,*
32 *Buhay ay langit sa piling mo,*
33 *Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi ,*
34 *Ang mamamatay ng dahil sa iyo.*

35
36 **"SEC. [37] 35. RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** - The rendition
37 of the National Anthem, whether played or sung shall be in accordance with the
38 musical arrangement and composition of Julian Felipe, **THE ORIGINAL COPY OF**
39 **WHICH IS OFFICIALLY KEPT AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE**

1 PHILIPPINES, IN TWO/FOUR (2/4) BEAT WITHIN THE RANGE OF 100 TO 120
2 METRONOME.

3 "SEC. [38] 36. *MANNER OF SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM* - When
4 the National Anthem is played at a public gathering, whether by a band [or by
5 singing or both,] or reproduced by any means, the attending public shall sing the
6 anthem. *The singing must be done with fervor.*

7
8 "As a sign of respect, all persons shall stand at attention and face the
9 Philippine flag, if there is one displayed, and if there is none, they shall face the band
10 or the conductor. At the first note, all persons shall execute a salute by placing the
11 right palms over their left chests. [Those in military, scouting, citizen's] **THE**
12 **MILITARY AND THOSE** in military training and security guard uniform shall give
13 the salute prescribed by their regulations. The salute shall be completed upon the last
14 note of the anthem.

15
16 "The anthem shall not be played and sung [for] **PRECEDING EVENTS OF**
17 mere recreation, amusement or entertainment purposes except on the following
18 occasions:

19
20 "(a) *International competitions where the Philippines is the host or*
21 *has a representative;*

22 "(b) **NATIONAL OR [L]** local competitions;

23 "(c) During the "signing off" and "signing on" of radio
24 broadcasting and television stations;

25 "(d) Before the initial and last screening of films or before the
26 opening of theater performances; **PROVIDED THAT THE**
27 **OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE**
28 **ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL BE MANDATED TO**
29 **ENFORCE PROPER DECORUM AND IMPLEMENT THE**
30 **PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT;** and

31 (e) Other occasions as may be allowed by the [Institute] **NHI.**

32
33 "SEC. [39] 37. *STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR THE RENDITION*
34 *OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM* - All officials and employees of the national and local
35 government, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, including government-
36 owned or controlled corporations, privately-owned entities or offices displaying the
37 national flag and government institutions of learning are hereby directed to comply
38 strictly with the rules prescribed for the rendition of the anthem. Failure to observe
39 the rules shall be a ground for administrative discipline.

1 CHAPTER III

2 THE NATIONAL MOTTO, THE COAT-OF-ARMS AND THE GREAT SEAL

3
4 "SEC. [40] 38. *THE NATIONAL MOTTO* - The National Motto shall be
5 "MAKA-DIYOS, MAKA-TAO, MAKAKALIKASAN AT MAKABANSA."

6
7 "SEC. [41] 39. *THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS* - The National Coat-of-
8 Arms shall have:

9
10 "[Paleways] **FIELD** of two (2) pieces, [azure and gules; a chief argent] **BLUE**
11 **WITH AN EAGLE AND RED WITH A LION RAMPART, A WHITE FIELD**
12 **studded with three (3) [mullet] STARS** equidistant from each other; and, in point of
13 honor, [ovoid argent] **WHITE OVAL** [overall the sun rayonnant with eight minor
14 and lesser rays] **WITH THE PHILIPPINE SUN AT THE CENTER**. Beneath shall be
15 the scroll with the words "*REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS*," inscribed thereon.

16
17 [CHAPTER V

18 THE GREAT SEAL]

19
20 "SEC. [42] 40. *THE GREAT SEAL* - The Great Seal shall be circular in form,
21 *with the arms as described in the preceding section, but without the scroll and the*
22 *inscription thereon. Surrounding the whole shall be a double marginal circle within*
23 *which shall appear the words "Republika ng Pilipinas."* For the purpose of placing
24 The Great Seal, the color of the arms shall not be deemed essential but tincture
25 representation must be used.

26
27 [The Great Seal shall bear the National Motto.]

28
29 "SEC. [43] 41. *WHERE TO AFFIX THE GREAT SEAL* - The Great Seal shall
30 be affixed to or placed upon all commission signed by the President and upon such
31 other official documents and papers of the Republic of the Philippines as may be
32 provided by law, or as may be required by custom and usage. The President shall
33 have custody of the Great Seal.

34
35 CHAPTER [VI] IV

36 OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES

37
38 "SEC. [44] 42. *ADOPTION OF HERALDIC AND SIMILAR DEVICES* - Any
39 government entity, including the military, may adopt appropriate **HERALDIC**

1 **ITEMS AND DEVICES SUCH AS MEDALS**, coat-of-arms, administrative seals,
2 logo, insignia, badges, patches, and banners; and initiate awards, citations, orders or
3 decorations; as may be authorized by the Congress or the Office of the President.

4
5 **“SEC. [45] 43. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS** - Such heraldic devices
6 and items shall be filed with the [Institute] **NHI** for recording and evaluation as to
7 precedence, design, customs and traditions. The [Institute] **NHI** shall promulgate the
8 corresponding rules and regulations which shall be submitted for approval to the
9 Office of the President or to Congress.

10
11 **“SEC. [46] 44. PURCHASE OF HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES FROM**
12 **ACCREDITED SOURCES** - All government offices including the military are hereby
13 ordered to purchase all heraldic items and devices from manufacturers accredited
14 and authorized by the [Institute] **NHI**. Such items and devices shall be subject to
15 inspection by the purchasing agency’s internal inspector and the COA
16 representatives using the design and specifications approved by the Office of the
17 President or by the Congress, through the [Institute] **NHI**.

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19 **[SECTION 47.** No government official or employee shall accept any orders or
20 decorations from any foreign government without the consent of Congress, and
21 without prior evaluation and documentation of such order or decoration by the
22 *Institute.]*

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24 **CHAPTER [VII] V**
25 **PENALTIES**

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27 **“SEC. [48] 45. PUBLIC CENSURE/ CANCELLATION OF PERMIT** - Failure
28 or refusal to observe the provisions of this Act; and any violation of the
29 corresponding rules and regulations issued by the **NHI** [Office of the President,]
30 shall after proper notice and hearing, be penalized by public censure which shall be
31 published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation.

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33 **“The [Department of Education Culture and Sports] DÉPED** and the
34 **Commission on Higher Education (CHED)**, upon the recommendation of the
35 [Institute] **NHI** and after the proper notice and hearing, shall cause the cancellation
36 of the recognition of permit of any private educational institution which fails or
37 refuses to observe the provisions of this Act for the second time.

1 corporations and local government units, for such assistance as it may deem
2 necessary for the effective discharge of its functions under this Act.”

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4 **SEC 2. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason, any portion or provision of this Act
5 shall be declared unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are not
6 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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8 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
9 regulations, part or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are
10 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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12 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity*** - The Act shall be effective fifteen (15) days from the date of its
13 publication in at east two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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15 *Approved;*