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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:

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 8491 is hereby amended as follows: 1 2 "SECTION 1. Short Title - This act shall be known as the "Flag and Heraldic 3 4 Code of the Philippines. 5 6 "SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy - IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THE POLICY OF 7 THE STATE THAT [R] reverence 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. The heraldic items and devices shall seek to manifest the national virtues and to 10 inculcate in the minds and hearts of our people a just pride in their native land, 11 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 heraldic items and devices. 14 15 "SEC. 3. Definition of Terms - Whenever used in this Act, the term: 16 17 18 "[(o)](A)"DISPLAY, HOIST OR RAISE" SHALL REFER TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FLAG IS PUBLICLY PRESENTED 19 20 AND VENERATED. 21 "(b) "Festoon" shall mean to hang in a curved shape between two points

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]
8	"(n) "PHILIPPINE SUN" SHALL MEAN THE GOLDEN SUNBURST
39	WITH EIGHT RAYS, EQUALLY SPACED: EACH RAY HAS ONE

l	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	CHAPTERI
9	THE NATIONAL FLAG
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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.
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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.
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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.
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37	"The flag, ON THE ABOVE-STATED PLACES, shall be properly
38	illuminated at night.
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l	"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.
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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].
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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.
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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.
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33	[The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the top.]
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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

TOP.

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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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	ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE PHILIPPINE
2627	FLAG SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE IRR TO BE ISSUED BY THE NHI
28	PURSUANT TO THE COMMON PROVISIONS STATED IN THIS LAW.
29	TORSOANT TO THE COMMON TROVISIONS STATED IN THIS EXV.
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	to show sights of wear and tear.
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.
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1	"SEC. [16] 15	5. MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG - The flag may be
2	displayed:	
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4	"(a)	Inside or outside a building or on stationary OR MOVABLE
5		flagpoles. It the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall
6		be placed at the left of the observer as one enters the room;
7	"(b)	From the top of the flagpole, which shall be at a prominent
8		place or a commanding position in relation to the surrounding
9		buildings;
10	"(c)	From a staff projecting upward from the window sill, canopy,
11		balcony or façade of a building[.];
12	"(d)	In a suspended position from a rope extending from a building
13		OR LAMPOST to A pole erected away from the building;
14	"(e)	Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on top;
15		and
16	"(f)	Hanging in a vertical position across a street, with the blue
17		field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or
18		pointing north if the road is heading east or west.
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20	"The flag sh	all not be raised [when the weather is inclement] DURING
21	INCLEMENT WEAT	THER. If already raised PRIOR TO INCLEMENT WEATHER,
22	the flag shall not be l	owered.
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24	"SEC. [17] 1	6. MANNER OF HOISTING THE FLAG - The flag shall be
25	hoisted to the top bri	skly and lowered ceremoniously.
26		
27	"The flag sha	all never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, flood,
28	water or other objects	5.
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30	"After being l	owered, the flag shall be handled and folded solemnly as part of
31	the ceremony.	
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33		[C. Conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony]
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35	"SEC. [18]	17. FLAG CEREMONY IN PUBLIC OFFICES AND
36	EDUCATIONAL IN	ISTITUTIONS - All government offices [and educational
37	institutions] shall h	enceforth observe the flag-raising ceremony every Monday
38	morning and the fl	ag lowering ceremony every Friday afternoon. PROVIDED

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.		
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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.]		
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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].		
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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.		
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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.		
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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.		
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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:		
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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;		
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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.		
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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.		
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21	[E. Casket]		
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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.		
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32	[F. Pledge to the Flag and Flag Days]		
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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		

2	Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan
3	Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang
4	Maka-Diyos
5	Maka-tao
6	Makakalikasan at
7	Makabansa
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9	"[Such pledge] THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE PHILIPPINE
10	FLAG shall be recited while standing with the right hand with palm open raised
11	shoulder high. Individuals whose faith or religious beliefs prohibit them from
12	making such pledge must, nonetheless, show full respect when the pledge is being
13	rendered by standing at attention.
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15	"SEC. [26] 24. FLAG DAYS - The period from NATIONAL FLAG DAY (May
16	28) to INDEPENDENCE DAY (June 12) of each year is declared as Flag Days, during
17	which period all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business
18	establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are [enjoined]
19	OBLIGATED to display the flag. PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT [T]the flag shall
20	[also] be displayed in private buildings and residences or raised [in the open flag-
21	staffs] ON FLAGPOLES in front of said buildings every April 9 (Araw ng
22	Kagitingan); May 1 (Labor Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to June 12 (Independence
23	Day); last Sunday of August (National Heroes Day); November 30 (Bonifacio Day); and
24	December 30 (Rizal Day); and on such other days as may be declared by the President
25	and/or local chief executives.
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27	"SEC. [8] 25. OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAYS - All government agencies and
28	instrumentalities, and local government offices, government-owned corporations
29	and local government units are enjoined to observe Flag Day with appropriate
30	ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non-government organizations and the private
31	sector are exhorted to cooperate in making the celebrations a success.
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33	[H Specifications of the National Flag]
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35	"SEC. [27] 26. FLAG PROPORTIONS - The flag shall have the following
36	proportions. The width of the flag, ONE (1); the length of the flag, TWO (2); and the
37	sides of the white triangle, ONE (1).
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1	"SEC. [28] 27. FLAG TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - The technical
2	specifications OF THE FLAG shall be as follows:
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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.
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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:
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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.
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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

approved by the [Institute] **NHI** as reference.

1	"[SEC. 31.] Ir	ı carryi	ng out [its] THE ABOVE responsibilities [under Section 4
2	hereof,] the [Institut	e] NHI	, COA, [the] AND ITDI/PTRI shall prepare guidelines to
3	be approved by [the	Office	of the President] ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.
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5	"SEC. [32]	30. S7	TRICT COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS- All
6	government agencie	s and ii	nstrumentalities shall ensure that the requirements under
7	this Act with respec	t to the	standards, requisitions and delivery of the national flag
8	are strictly complied	with.	
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10	"SEC. [33] 3:	1. FLA(G REQUISITION BUDGET - All departments, agencies,
11	offices, and instrum	entaliti	es of the government, government-owned or controlled
12	corporations, local	govern	ment units, including barangays, shall include in their
13	annual budgets the r	necessa	ry outlay for the purchase of the national flag.
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15	FURTHERM	ORE, A	ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE DIRECTED
16	TO ALLOCATE	APPRO	OPRIATE SUMS FOR A FLAG LAW PUBLIC
17	AWARENESS PRO	GRAM	AS WELL AS THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF
18	THE PROVISIONS	OF TH	E FLAG LAW.
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20			[I. Prohibited Acts]
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22	"SEC. [34] 32	. PROI	HIBITED ACTS - lt shall be prohibited:
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24	"(a)		utilate, deface, defile, trample on or cast contempt any act
25		or on	nission casting dishonor or ridicule upon the flag [or over
26		its su	trface], ANTHEM, SEAL, MOTTO, COAT-OF-ARMS,
27		AND	OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES;
28	"(b)	To di	p the flag to any person or object by way of compliment
29		or sal	ute;
30	"(c)	To us	e the flag:
31		<i>"</i> (1).	As [a] drapery, festoon, tablecloth;
32		"(2)	As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other objects;
33		"(3)	AS [a pennant] DRAPERY in the hood, side, back and
34			top of motor vehicles; ALL CLOTH FLAGS SHOULD
35			BE DISPLAYED FREELY WAVING IN THE AIR;
36		"(4)	As a staff or whip;
37		"(5)	AS COVERING for unveiling OF monuments or
38			statues: and

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 an 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	Ţj.	To display the flag in front of buildings or offices occupied by
35		aliens.]
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1	CHAPTERII	
2	THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	
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4	"SEC. [35] 33. TITLE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM - The National Anthem	
5	is entitled Lupang Hinirang.	
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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:	
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11	"Bayang magiliw,	
12	Perlas ng Silanganan,	
13	Alab ng puso,	
14	Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.	
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16	Lupang hinirang,	
17	Duyan ka ng magiting,	
18	Sa manlulupig,	
19	Di ka pasisiil.	
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21	Sa dagat at bundok,	
22	Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,	
23	May dilag ang tula,	
24	At awit sa paglayang minamahal.	
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26	Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y	
27	Tagumpay na nagniningning,	
28	Ang bituin at araw niya.	
29	Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim [,].	
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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.	
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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	
30	WHICH IS OFFICIALLY KEPT AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE	

PHILIPPINES, IN T	W0/FOUR (2/4)	BEAT WITHIN	THE RANGE	OF 100	TO 1	.20
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"SEC. [38] 36. MANNER OF SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM - When the National Anthem is played at a public gathering, whether by a band [or by singing or both,] or reproduced by any means, the attending public shall sing the anthem. The singing must be done with fervor.

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

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

- "(a) International competitions where the Philippines is the host or has a representative;
- "(b) NATIONAL OR [L] local competitions;
- "(c) During the "signing off" and "signing on" of radio broadcasting and television stations;
 - "(d) Before the initial and last screening of films or before the opening of theater performances; PROVIDED THAT THE OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL BE MANDATED TO ENFORCE PROPER DECORUM AND IMPLEMENT THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OFTHIS ACT; and
 - (e) Other occasions as may be allowed by the [Institute] **NHI**.

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

Ţ	CHAPTERIII
2	THE NATIONAL MOTTO, THE COAT-OF-ARMS AND THE GREAT SEAL
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4	"SEC. [40] 38. THE NATIONAL MOTTO - The National Motto shall be
5	"MAKA-DIYOS, MAKA-TAO, MAKAKALIKASAN AT MAKABANSA ."
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7	"SEC. [41] 39. THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS - The National Coat-of-
8	Arms shall have:
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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) [mullets] 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.
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17	[CHAPTER V
18	THE GREAT SEAL]
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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.
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27	[The Great Seal shall bear the National Motto.]
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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.
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35	CHAPTER [VI] IV
36	OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES
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38	"SEC. [44] 42. ADOPTION OF HERALDIC AND SIMILAR DEVICES - Any
39	government entity, including the military, may adopt appropriate HERALDIC

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER [VII] V PENALTIES

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

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

"SEC. [50] 46. PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS - Any person WHO or juridical entity which violates any of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (PHP 5,000.00) nor more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (PHP 20,000.00) or by imprisonment [for] OF not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court: Provided, That for any second and additional offenses, both fine and imprisonment shall always be imposed: Provided, further That in case the violation is committed by a juridical person, its President or Chief Executive Officer thereof shall be liable.

THE NHI MAY PRESCRIBE IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OTHER ACTS OF OMISSIONS WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED DISRESPECTFUL, AND THUS PROHIBITED, RELATIVE TO THE FLAG, THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, THE GREAT SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, NATIONAL MOTTO AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES.

CHAPTER [VIII] VI COMMON PROVISIONS

"SEC. [49] 47. OBLIGATIONS OF EDUCATION REGULATION AGENCIESThe [Department of Education, Culture and Sports] DEPED, [and the Commission on Higher Education] CHED AND TESDA shall ensure that the National Anthem, as adopted by law, shall be committed to memory by all students of both public and private educational institutions, and performed during the flag ceremony conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the [Office of the President] NHI. In addition, they shall make available the vocal, piano or band scores of the National Anthem, as adopted by law, to all private and public schools, as well as the general public.

"SEC. [51] 48. ISSUANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT - The [Institute] NHI shall issue the necessary rules and regulations [to implement the provisions of this Act] within ninety (90) days after [effectivity] THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT. The [Institute] NHI shall submit its rules and regulations to the Office of the President and the Congress of the Philippines.

"[SEC. 52 -] The [Institute] **NHI** shall [also] be responsible for the strict enforcement of the provisions of this Act. It may call upon any government department, agency, office, or government instrumentality, including government

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 Ac				
5	shall be declared unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are no				
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;				