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AN ACT
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:

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2 Section 1. Sections 2 to 54 of Republic Act No. 8491 are hereby amended as
3 follows:
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5 "SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – **IT IS HEREBY DECLARED**
6 **THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT [R]**Reverence and respect shall
7 at all times be accorded the flag, the anthem, and other national
8 symbols which embody the national ideals and traditions and which
9 express the principles of sovereignty and national solidarity. The
10 heraldic items and devices shall seek to manifest the national virtues
11 and to inculcate in the minds and hearts of our people a just pride in
12 their native land, fitting respect and affection for the national flag and
13 anthem, and the proper use of the national motto, coat-of-arms and
14 other heraldic items and devices.

15 "SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms* – Whenever used in this Act, the
16 term:
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1 “[(a) “Military” shall mean all branches of the Armed Forces of
2 the Philippines including the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of
3 Jail Management and Penology, and the Bureau of Fire Protection]

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5 **“(A) ‘ADVERTISEMENT OR INFOMERCIAL’ SHALL MEAN**
6 **ADVERTISEMENT OR ANY INFORMATION MATERIAL IN**
7 **PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION, CINEMA, VIDEO AND THE LIKE,**
8 **OUTDOOR AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, SEEKING TO PROMOTE**
9 **INDIVIDUALS, ENTITIES, PRODUCTS OR SERVICES FOR**
10 **COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL PURPOSES OR INFORMATION**
11 **CAMPAIGNS;**

12
13 **“(B) ‘DISPLAY’ SHALL REFER TO THE MANNER IN**
14 **WHICH THE FLAG IS PUBLICLY PRESENTED AND VENERATED.**

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

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

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

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24 “[(e) ‘Symbol’ shall mean any conventional sign which reveals
25 man’s achievement and heroism (for orders and decorations),
26 identification, authority and a sign of dignity (for coat-of-arms, logo
27 and insignias)]

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29 **“(F) ‘GOVERNMENT ENTITIES’ SHALL MEAN ALL**
30 **BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEIR BUREAUS AND**
31 **ATTACHED AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, LOCAL**
32 **GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR**
33 **CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL**
34 **INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND THE**
35 **ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING ITS BASIC**
36 **COMPONENT UNITS;**

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

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8 “(H) ‘HALYARD’ SHALL MEAN THE LONG ROPE WHERE
9 THE FLAG FASTENS AND WHICH RUNS UP THE LENGTH OF
10 THE FLAGPOLE;

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12 “(I) ‘HANGING POSITION’ SHALL MEAN THE WHITE
13 FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, THE BLUE FIELD SHALL BE TO THE
14 RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF PEACE; THE
15 WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, AND THE RED FIELD TO THE
16 RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF WAR;

17
18 “(J) ‘HERALDIC ITEMS/HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES’
19 SHALL MEAN COAT-OF-ARMS, SEALS, LOGOS, INSIGNIAS,
20 BADGES, FLASHES, PATCHES, ORDERS AND DECORATIONS,
21 MEDALS, STARS, CITATIONS, LAPEL PINS, TROPHIES, DRY,
22 WAX OR WET SEALS, AND IMPRINTS ON LETTERHEADS,
23 ENVELOPES AND CARDS;

24
25 “[(g)](K) ‘Hoist’ shall mean the part of the flag nearest the staff
26 or the canvass to which the halyard is attached;

27
28 “[(h)](L) ‘Inclement Weather’ shall mean [that a typhoon signal
29 is raised in the locality] **A WEATHER CONDITION SUCH AS RAIN**
30 **OR STRONG WIND THAT WILL BE UNFAVORABLE FOR THE**
31 **RAISING OF THE FLAG SINCE IT WILL LESSEN THE DIGNITY**
32 **THAT SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO THE FLAG;**

33
34 “[(i)](M) ‘National Anthem’ shall mean the Philippine National
35 Anthem, **ENTITLED “LUPANG HINIRANG”;**

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2 **(N) 'NHCP' SHALL MEAN THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
3 **COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES;**

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5 **"[(j)](O) 'Official Residences' shall mean Malacañang, and**
6 **other government-owned structures where the President resides,**
7 **[and other structures occupied by] the Philippine ConsulateS or**
8 **Embassies abroad, AND OTHER STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY**
9 **NATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS;**

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11 **"[(k)](P) 'Places of Frivolity' shall mean places of hilarity**
12 **marked by or providing boisterous merriment or recreation; [and]**

13
14 **"[(l)] 'Institute' shall mean the National Historical Institute.];**
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16 **"(Q) 'PHILIPPINE SUN' SHALL MEAN THE GOLDEN**
17 **SUNBURST WITH EIGHT EQUALLY SPACED RAYS DISPLAYED**
18 **IN THE FLAG. EACH RAY HAVING ONE MAJOR BEAM, TWICE**
19 **AS BROAD AS THE TWO MINOR BEAMS ON EITHER SIDE;**

20
21 **"(R) 'SYMBOL' SHALL MEAN ANY CONVENTIONAL SIGN**
22 **WHICH REVEALS MAN'S ACHIEVEMENT AND HEROISM**
23 **USUALLY SHOWN OR DISPLAYED IN MEDALS, CITATIONS,**
24 **ORDERS, AND DECORATIONS OR IDENTIFICATION OR**
25 **AUTHORITY SUCH AS COAT- OF-ARMS, LOGOS AND**
26 **INSIGNIAS;**

27
28 **"(S) 'UNIFORMED SERVICE' SHALL MEAN ALL**
29 **BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES,**
30 **THOSE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, BUREAU OF**
31 **JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, BUREAU OF FIRE**
32 **PROTECTION, BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, BUREAU OF**
33 **CUSTOMS, PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, AND OF OTHER**
34 **AGENCIES USING RANK INSIGNIA;**

1 “(T) ‘VEXILLARY ITEMS’ SHALL MEAN NATIONAL,
2 LOCAL, HOUSE FLAGS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE,
3 INSTITUTIONAL, CORPORATE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
4 BANNERS; AND

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6 “(U) ‘100 TO 120 METRONOME’ SHALL MEAN THE
7 REGULATED AURAL, VISUAL OR TACTILE PULSE TO
8 ESTABLISH A STEADY TEMPO IN THE RENDITION OF THE
9 NATIONAL ANTHEM.”

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11 CHAPTER I

12 THE NATIONAL FLAG

13 [A. Design of the National Flag]

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

19 [B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag]

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

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27 **“SEC. 6. WHERE FLAG SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY**
28 **DISPLAYED** – The flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and night
29 throughout the year, in front of the following: [at] (A) Malacañang
30 Palace; [the] (B) SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES BUILDING;
31 [Congress of the Philippines] (C) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
32 building; (D) Supreme Court building; [the] (E) Rizal Monument in
33 Luneta, CITY OF Manila; (F) Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; (G)
34 Barasoain Shrine in Malolos, Bulacan; [the] (H) Tomb of the Unknown
35 Soldier, *Libingan ng mga Bayani* **IN TAGUIG CITY, METRO**

1 **MANILA; (I) ALL MEMORIALS DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS**
2 **OF THE MILITARY; (J) *Mausoleo de los Veteranos de la Revolucion***
3 **IN THE NORTH CEMETERY, CITY OF MANILA; (K)**
4 **MARCELA AGONCILLO HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN**
5 **TAAL, BATANGAS; (L) PINAGLABANAN HISTORICAL**
6 **LANDMARK IN SAN JUAN CITY, METRO MANILA; (M) all**
7 International Ports of Entry and **(N) all other places as may be**
8 **SUBSEQUENTLY designated AND MARKED** by the [Institute]
9 **NHCP.**

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11 "The flag, **ON THE ABOVE-STATED PLACES,** shall be
12 properly
13 illuminated at night."

14 **"SEC. 7. DISPLAY OF FLAG IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND**
15 **OFFICES.** – The flag shall also be displayed in private buildings and
16 residences or raised [in the open on flag-staffs] **ON**
17 **FLAGPOLES** in front of said buildings [every April 9 (*Araw ng*
18 *Kagitingan*); May 1 (Labor Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to June
19 12 (Independence Day); last Sunday of August (National Heroes Day);
20 November 30 (Bonifacio Day); and December 30 (Rizal Day); and
21 December 30 (Rizal Day); on such other days as may be declared by
22 the President and/or the local chief executives] **DURING FLAG**
23 **DAYS, AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 25 OF THIS ACT.**

24
25 "The flag may also be displayed throughout the year in private
26 buildings or offices or raised [in the open on flag-staffs] **ON**
27 **FLAGPOLES** in front of private buildings: *Provided,* That [they] **THE**
28 **OCCUPANTS OF THE SAID BUILDING SHALL** observe flag-raising
29 ceremonies in accordance with the **IMPLEMENTING** rules and
30 regulations **(IRR)** to be issued by the [Office of the President]
31 **NHCP."**

32
33 [SEC. 8. All government agencies and instrumentalities, and
34 local government offices, government-owned corporations and local

1 government units are enjoined to observe flag day with
2 appropriate ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non- government
3 organizations and the private sector are exhorted to cooperate in
4 making the celebrations a success.]

5
6 "SEC. [9] **8. DISPLAY OF FLAG ON SEAFARINGVESSELS.** –
7 The flag shall be flown on [merchant ships] **ALL SEAFARING**
8 **VESSELS** of Philippine registry [of more than one thousand (1000)
9 gross tons and on all naval vessels].

10
11 "On board [naval] **SEAFARING** vessels, the flag shall be
12 displayed on the flagstaff at the stern when the ship is at anchor.
13 The flag shall be hoisted to the gaff at the aftermast when the ship is
14 at sea.

15
16 "SEC. [10] **9. THE BLUE, RED AND WHITE FIELDS OF THE**
17 **FLAG** – The flag, if [flown from a flagpole] **HOISTED** shall have its
18 blue field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in time of
19 war; if in a hanging position, **THE WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON**
20 **TOP**, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in time of
21 peace, and the **WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP**, and the red field
22 to the right (left of the observer) in time of war."

23
24 [The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the
25 top.]

26
27 "SEC. [11]**10. FLAGPOLE IN THE OPEN FIELD.** – If planted
28 on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place and
29 shall be of such height as would give the flag the commanding position
30 in relation to the buildings in the vicinity. **THE FLAGPOLE STAFF**
31 **MUST BE STRAIGHT AND SLIGHTLY TAPERING AT THE TOP.**

32
33 "If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its roof
34 or anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.

1 "If on stage or platform or government office, the flag shall be
2 at the left **OF THE OBSERVER** (facing the stage) or left of the office
3 upon entering.

4
5 'SEC. [12]11. **THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN FLOWN**
6 **WITH ANOTHER FLAG.** – When the Philippine flag is flown with
7 another flag, the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on
8 separate staffs of the same height and shall be of equal size. The
9 Philippine flag shall be **TO THE LEFT OF THE OBSERVER AND**
10 hoisted first and lowered last.

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

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

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

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

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32 "SEC. [14] 13. **PROPER USE, DISPOSAL AND**
33 **REPLACEMENT OF WORN-OUT FLAG.** – **THE FLAG SHALL BE**
34 **REPLACED IMMEDIATELY BY THE CONCERNED AGENCY/**

1 **INSTITUTION/OFFICE WHEN IT BEGINS TO SHOW SIGNS OF**
2 **WEAR AND TEAR.**

3
4 [A] **THE** flag worn out through wear and tear shall not be
5 thrown away. It shall be **TURNED OVER TO THE APPROPRIATE**
6 **BOY SCOUTS OR GIRL SCOUTS LOCAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE**
7 **FOUND IN THE NEAREST SCHOOL WHO SHALL CONDUCT**
8 **PROPER DISPOSAL RITES ON THE WORN-OUT FLAG/S**
9 [solemnly burned] to avoid misuse or desecration. [The flag shall be
10 replaced immediately when it begins to show signs of wear and tear.]
11

12 **"THE MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF THE WORN-OUT FLAG**
13 **SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES TO BE ISSUED**
14 **BY THE NHCP."**

15
16 **"FLAGS WHICH ARE OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE,**
17 **WHETHER LOCAL OR NATIONAL, SHALL BE PRESERVED OR**
18 **KEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES ON CONSERVATION**
19 **AND PRESERVATION OF THE NHCP."**

20
21 **"SEC. [15] 14. APPROPRIATE TIME FOR FLAG RAISING**
22 **AND LOWERING.** – The flag shall be raised at sunrise and lowered at
23 sunset. It shall be on the mast at the start of official office hours, **AND**
24 shall remain flying throughout the day.

25
26 **"SEC. [16] 15. MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG.** – The
27 flag may be displayed:

28 "(a) Inside or outside a building or on stationary **OR MOVABLE**
29 flagpoles. If the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall be
30 placed at the left of the observer as one enters the room;

31
32 "(b) From the top of the flagpole, which shall be at a prominent
33 place or a commanding position in relation to the surrounding
34 buildings;

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

4
5 “(d) In a suspended position from a rope extending from a
6 building **OR LAMPOST** to **A** pole erected away from the building;

7
8 “(e) Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on
9 top; and
10

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

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

18
19 “SEC. [17] **16. MANNER OF HOISTING THE FLAG.** – The flag
20 shall be hoisted to the top briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

21
22 “The flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the
23 ground, flood, water or other objects.

24
25 “After being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded
26 solemnly as part of the ceremony.”

27
28 [C. Conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony]

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

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

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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
9 [or] **AND MANDATORY** singing of the **NATIONAL** anthem in its
10 original Filipino lyrics and march tempo."

11
12 "SEC. [21] **19. FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY.** – During the
13 flag-raising ceremony, the assembly shall stand in formation facing the
14 flag. **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
18 their right palms over their chests, those with hats shall uncover, while
19 those in military, scouting, security guard, and citizens in military
20 training uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations,
21 which 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
25 be raised briskly.

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

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

[D. Half Mast]

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4 "SEC. [23] **21. FLAG IN HALF-MAST.** – The flag shall be
5 flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning on all the buildings and
6 places [where it is displayed, as provided for in this Act] **WHERE THE**
7 **DECEASED WAS HOLDING OFFICE**, on the day of official
8 announcement of the death of any of the following officials:
9

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

12 "(b) The Vice-President, the Chief Justice, the President of the
13 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, **THE FLAG**
14 **SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST** for seven (7) days; and
15

16 "(c) [Other persons to be determined by the Institute,] **THE**
17 **INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE**
18 **CABINET, THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,**
19 **AND SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE**
20 **NHCP, THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST** for any
21 period less than seven (7) days;
22

23 ["The flag shall be flown at half-mast on all the buildings and
24 places where the decedent was holding office, on the day of death
25 until the day of interment of an incumbent member of the Supreme
26 Court, the Cabinet, the Senate or the House of Representatives, and
27 such other persons as may be determined by the Institute.]
28

29 "The flag when flown at half-mast shall be first hoisted to the
30 peak for a moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag
31 shall again be raised briskly to the peak before it is lowered for the
32 day."
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1 [E. Casket]
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3 "SEC. [24]22. **FLAG OVER THE CASKET.** – The flag may be
4 used to cover the caskets of the honored dead of the military, veterans
5 of previous wars, national artists, and of civilians who have rendered
6 distinguished service to the nation, as maybe determined by the local
7 government unit concerned. In such cases, the flag shall be placed
8 such that the white triangle shall be at the head and the blue portion
9 shall cover the right side of the caskets [.] **PROVIDED, THAT IN**
10 **AN OPEN CASKET, TO VIEW THE CORPSE, THE NATIONAL**
11 **FLAG SHALL BE FOLDED AND PLACED OVER IT.** The flag shall
12 not be lowered to the grave or allowed to touch the ground, but shall
13 be folded solemnly and handed over to the heirs of the deceased."

14 [F. Pledge to the Flag]
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16 "SEC. [25]23. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** – The following
17 shall be the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag:
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19 *"Ako ay Pilipino*
20 *Buong katapatang nanunumpa*
21 *Sa watawat ng Pilipinas*
22 *At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag*
23 *Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan*
24 *Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang*
25 *Maka-Diyos*
26 *Maka-tao*
27 *Makakalikasan at*
28 *Makabansa*
29

30 "[Such pledge] **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE**
31 **PHILIPPINE FLAG** shall be recited while standing with the right hand
32 with palm open raised shoulder high. Individuals whose faith or
33 religious beliefs prohibit them from making such pledge must,
34 nonetheless, show full respect when the pledge is being rendered by
35 standing at attention."
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2 **"SEC. 24. OATH OF PATRIOTISM. – THE FOLLOWING**
3 **SHALL BE THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM TO THE PHILIPPINES**
4 **WHICH SHALL BE RECITED BY STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS IN**
5 **ADDITION TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE**
6 **PHILIPPINE FLAG:**

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8 **INIIBIG KO ANG PILIPINAS.**

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10 **ITO ANG AKING LUPANG SINILANGAN.**

11 **ITO ANG TAHANAN NG AKING LAHI.**

12 **AKO'Y KANYANG KINUKUPKOP AT TINUTULUNGAN**

13 **UPANG MAGING MALAKAS, MALIGAYA, AT**

14 **KAPAKIPAKINABANG.**

15 **BILANG GANTI, DIRINGGIN KO ANG PAYO NG AKING MGA**

16 **MAGULANG.**

17 **SUSUNDIN KO ANG MGA TUNTUNIN NG AKING PAARALAN.**

18 **TUTUPARIN KO ANG MGA TUNGKULIN NG ISANG**

19 **MAMAMAYANG MAKABAYAN AT MASUNURIN SA BATAS.**

20 **PAGLILINGKURAN KO ANG AKING BAYAN**

21 **NANG WALANG PAG-IIMBOT**

22 **AT NANG BUONG KATAPATAN.**

23 **SISIKAPIN KONG MAGING ISANG TUNAY NA PILIPINO,**

24 **SA ISIP, SA SALITA, AT SA GAWA.**

25
26 **THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM SHALL BE RECITED WHILE**
27 **STANDING WITH THE RIGHT HAND WITH THE PALM OPEN**
28 **RAISED SHOULDER HIGH. IT SHALL BE RECITED IN ALL**
29 **BASIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AFTER THE SINGING OF**
30 **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR**
31 **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS PROHIBIT THEM FROM MAKING SUCH**
32 **OATH MUST, NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN THE**
33 **OATH IS BEING RENDERED BY STANDING AT ATTENTION."**

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35 **[G. Flag Days]**
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1 "SEC. [26] **25. FLAG DAYS.** – The period from May 28
2 (NATIONAL FLAG DAY) to June 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY) of
3 each year is declared as Flag Days, during which period all offices,
4 agencies and instrumentalities of government, business
5 establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are
6 [enjoined] **OBLIGATED** to display the flag: **PROVIDED, HOWEVER,**
7 **THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE DISPLAYED IN PRIVATE**
8 **BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCES OR RAISED ON FLAGPOLES IN**
9 **FRONT OF SAID BUILDINGS EVERY APRIL 9 (ARAW NG**
10 **KAGITINGAN); MAY 1 (LABOR DAY); MAY 28 (NATIONAL FLAG**
11 **DAY) TO JUNE 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY); LAST SUNDAY OF**
12 **AUGUST (NATIONAL HEROES DAY); NOVEMBER 30**
13 **(BONIFACIO DAY); AND DECEMBER 30 (RIZAL DAY); AND ON**
14 **SUCH OTHER DAYS AS MAY BE DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT**
15 **AND/OR LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES."**

16 "SEC. 26. **OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAYS.** – ALL
17 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND**
18 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED**
19 **AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL**
20 **GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE ENJOINED TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY**
21 **WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES. SOCIO-CIVIC GROUPS,**
22 **NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRIVATE**
23 **SECTOR ARE EXHORTED TO COOPERATE IN MAKING THE**
24 **CELEBRATION A SUCCESS."**

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26
27 [H Specifications of the National Flag]

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29 "SEC. 27. **FLAG PROPORTIONS.** – The flag shall have the
30 following proportions. The width of the flag, **ONE (1)**; the length of
31 the flag, **TWO (2)**; and the sides of the white triangle, **ONE (1)."**

32
33 "SEC. 28. **FLAG TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.** – The
34 technical specifications **OF THE FLAG** shall be as follows:
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1 “The blue color shall bear Cable No. 80173; the white color,
2 Cable No. 80001; the red color, Cable No. 80108; and the golden
3 yellow, Cable No. 80068.”

4
5 “SEC. 29. **STANDARDS FOR FLAG REQUISITION.** – In order
6 to establish uniform criteria in the making of our national flag and to
7 guarantee its durability by the use of quality materials, the following
8 standards and procedures shall be observed:

9
10 “(a) All requisitions for the purchase of the Philippine National
11 Flag must be based on strict compliance with the design, color,
12 craftsmanship and material requirements of the [G] Government;

13
14 “(b) All submitted samples of flags by accredited suppliers
15 offered for purchase for government use shall be evaluated as to
16 design, color and craftsmanship specifications by the [Institute]
17 **NHCP**, through its Heraldry and Display Section, which shall stamp its
18 approval or disapproval on the canvass reinforcement of the flag
19 sample submitted. The samples shall be sent to the [Institute] **NHCP**
20 by the requisitioning office, not by the flag supplier; and

21
22 “(c) The Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) or
23 the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the Department of
24 Science and Technology (DOST) shall evaluate the quality of material
25 of all flag samples and certify whether the fabric for the blue, white,
26 red and golden-yellow colors, including the canvass submitted,
27 conform to government requirements as to quality of the material. The
28 samples shall be sent annually to the ITDI/PTRI by the manufacturer.
29 The laboratory test results shall be submitted by the said office to the
30 [Institute] **NHCP.**”

31
32 “SEC. 30. **FLAG PURCHASE INSPECTION.** – All deliveries of
33 the flags requisitioned by the government shall be inspected by the
34 requisitioning agency’s internal inspector and by the Commission on

1 Audit (COA) using the flag stamped approved by the [Institute] **NHCP**
2 as reference.”

3
4 “[SEC. 31.] In carrying out [its] **THE ABOVE** responsibilities
5 [under Section 4 hereof,] the [Institute] **NHCP**, COA, **AND** the
6 ITDI/PTRI shall prepare guidelines to be approved by [the Office of
7 the President] **ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.**”

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9 “SEC. [32]31. **STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH**
10 **REQUIREMENTS.** – All government agencies and instrumentalities
11 shall ensure that the requirements under this Act with respect to
12 the standards, requisitions and delivery of the national flag are strictly
13 complied with.”

14
15 “SEC. [33]32. **FLAG REQUISITION BUDGET.** – All
16 departments, agencies, offices, and instrumentalities of the
17 government, government-owned or controlled corporations, local
18 government units, including barangays, shall include in their annual
19 budgets the necessary outlay for the purchase of the national flag.

20
21 **FURTHERMORE, ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE**
22 **DIRECTED TO ALLOCATE APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR A FLAG**
23 **CODE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE**
24 **PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE**
25 **FLAG CODE.**”

26
27 [I. Prohibited Acts]

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29 “SEC. [34]33. **PROHIBITED ACTS.** – It shall be prohibited:

30
31 “(a) To mutilate, deface, defile, trample on or cast contempt or
32 commit any act or omission casting dishonor or ridicule upon the flag
33 [or over its surface], **ANTHEM, SEAL, MOTTO, COAT-OF-ARMS,**
34 **AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES;**

35
36 “(b) To dip the flag to any person or object by way of
37 compliment or salute;

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2 “(c) To use the flag:

3 “(1). As [a] drapery, festoon, tablecloth;

4 “(2) As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other
5 objects;

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

9 “(4) As a staff or whip;

10 “(5) **AS COVERING (F) For unveiling OF** monuments or
11 statues; and

12 “(6) As trademarks or for industrial, commercial or
13 agricultural labels or designs.

14 “(d) To display the flag:

15 “(1) Under any painting or picture;

16 “(2) Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft
17 and be allowed to fall freely;

18 “(3) Below any platform; or

19 “(4) In discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs,
20 casinos, gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity prevails.

21 “(e) To wear the Flag, **SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS** [in whole or in
22 part] as **PART OF** a costume or [uniform] **AS A FASHION**
23 **ACCESSORY OR MERELY AS A DESIGN ELEMENT: PROVIDED,**
24 **THAT THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, MAY BE**
25 **INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE UNIFORM OF FILIPINOS**
26 **REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINES IN INTERNATIONAL**
27 **SPORTS, CULTURAL OR SCIENTIFIC COMPETITIONS OR**
28 **OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NHCP;**

29 “(f) To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings,
30 advertisements, or imprint [of any nature] on the flag[;], **SEAL,**
31 **COAT-OF-ARMS OR ANY REPRESENTATION THEREFORE;**

32 “(g) To print, paint or attach a representation of the flag, **SEAL,**
33 **COAT-OF-ARMS** on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and other
34 articles of merchandise; **AND**

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

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

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

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10 CHAPTER II

11 THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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13 "SEC. [35]34. **TITLE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** – The
14 National Anthem is entitled *Lupang Hinirang*."

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16 "SEC. [36]35. **LANGUAGE AND LYRICS OF THE NATIONAL**
17 **ANTHEM.** – The National Anthem shall always be sung in the national
18 language within or [without] **OUTSIDE** the country. The following
19 shall be the lyrics of the National Anthem:

20 *"Bayang magiliw,*
21 *Perlas ng Silanganan,*
22 *Alab ng puso,*
23 *Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.*
24 *Lupang hinirang,*
25 *Duyan ka ng magiting,*
26 *Sa manlulupig,*
27 *Di ka pasisiil.*
28 *Sa dagat at bundok,*
29 *Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,*
30 *May dilag ang tula,*
31 *At awit sa paglayang minamahal.*
32 *Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y*
33 *Tagumpay na nagniningning,*
34 *Ang bituin at araw niya.*
35 *Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim[,.].*
36 *Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,*

1 *Buhay ay langit sa piling mo,*
2 *Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi ,*
3 *Ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo.*
4

5 "SEC. [37]**36. *RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.*** –

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

16
17 "SEC. [38]**37. *MANNER OF SINGING THE NATIONAL***

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

24
25 "As a sign of respect, all persons shall stand at attention and
26 face the Philippine flag, if there is one displayed, and if there is none,
27 they shall face the band or the conductor. At the first note, all persons
28 shall execute a salute by placing the right palms over their left chests.
29 [Those in military, scouting, citizen's] **THE MILITARY AND THOSE**
30 in military training and security guard uniform shall give the salute
31 prescribed by their regulations. The salute shall be completed upon the
32 last note of the anthem.
33

1 **"INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**
2 **PROHIBIT THEM FROM SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**
3 **MUST, NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN THE**
4 **NATIONAL ANTHEM IS BEING SUNG OR PLAYED ON RECORD**
5 **BY STANDING AT ATTENTION.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 "**SEC. [39]38. STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR**
28 **THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** – All officials
29 and employees of the national and local governments, and any agency
30 or instrumentality thereof, including government-owned or controlled
31 corporations, privately-owned entities or offices displaying the national
32 flag and government institutions of learning are hereby directed to
33 comply strictly with the rules prescribed for the rendition of the
34 anthem. Failure to observe the rules shall be a ground for
35 administrative discipline."
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2 **"SEC. 39. OBLIGATIONS OF EDUCATION REGULATION**
3 **AGENCIES. – THE DEPED, CHED AND TESDA SHALL ENSURE**
4 **THAT THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, SHALL**
5 **BE COMMITTED TO MEMORY BY ALL STUDENTS OF BOTH**
6 **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND**
7 **PERFORMED DURING THE FLAG CEREMONY CONDUCTED IN**
8 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED**
9 **BY THE NHCP. IN ADDITION, THEY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE**
10 **THE VOCAL, PIANO OR BAND SCORES OF THE NATIONAL**
11 **ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, TO ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC**
12 **SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

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14 CHAPTER III

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

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18 **"SEC. 40. THE NATIONAL MOTTO. – The National Motto shall**
19 **be "MAKA-DIYOS, MAKA-TAO, MAKAKALIKASAN AT**
20 **MAKABANSA"**

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

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

33
34 [CHAPTER V]
35 [THE GREAT SEAL]

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2 “SEC. 42. **THE GREAT SEAL.** – The Great Seal shall be circular
3 in form, with the arms as described in the preceding section, but
4 without the scroll and the inscription thereon.

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

10
11 [The Great Seal shall bear the National Motto.]
12

13 “SEC. 43. **WHERE TO AFFIX THE GREAT SEAL.** – The Great
14 Seal shall be affixed to or placed upon all commission signed by the
15 President and upon such other official documents and papers of the
16 Republic of the Philippines as may be provided by law, or as may be
17 required by custom and usage. The President shall have custody of the
18 Great Seal.”

19
20 CHAPTER [VI] **IV**

21 [OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER]

22 HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES

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

30
31 “SEC. 45. **REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS.** – Such heraldic
32 devices and items shall be filed with the [Institute] **NHCP** for
33 recording and evaluation as to precedence, design, customs and
34 traditions. The [Institute] **NHCP** shall promulgate the corresponding
35 rules and regulations which shall be submitted for approval to the
36 Office of the President or to Congress.”

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2 “SEC. 46. **PURCHASE OF HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES**
3 **FROM ACCREDITED SOURCES.** – All government offices including
4 the military are hereby ordered to purchase all heraldic items and
5 devices from manufacturers accredited and authorized by the
6 [Institute] **NHCP**. Such items and devices shall be subject to
7 inspection by the purchasing agency’s internal inspector and the COA
8 representative using the design and specifications approved by the
9 Office of the President or by the Congress, through the [Institute]
10 **NHCP**.

11
12 [SEC. 47. No government official or employee shall accept any
13 orders or decorations from any foreign government without the
14 consent of Congress, and without prior evaluation and documentation
15 of such order or decoration by the Institute.]

16
17 CHAPTER [VII] **V**

18 PENALTIES

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20 “SEC. [48] **47. PUBLIC CENSURE/CANCELLATION OF**
21 **PERMIT.** – Failure or refusal to observe the provisions of this Act; and
22 any violation of the corresponding rules and regulations issued by the
23 [Office of the President,] **NHCP** shall after proper notice and hearing,
24 be penalized by public censure which shall be published at least once
25 in a newspaper of general circulation.”

26
27 “The Department of Education [Culture and Sports] (DepEd)
28 and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), upon the
29 recommendation of the [Institute] NHI and after the proper notice and
30 hearing, shall cause the cancellation of the recognition or permit of
31 any private educational institution which fails or refuses to observe the
32 provisions of this Act for the second time.”

1 ["SEC. 49 – The Department of Education, Culture and Sports
2 (DECS) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall ensure
3 that the National Anthem, as adopted by law, shall be committed to
4 memory by all students of both public and private educational
5 institutions, and performed during the flag ceremony conducted in
6 accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the Officer of the
7 President. In addition, they shall make available the vocal, piano or
8 band scores of the National Anthem, as adopted by law, to all private
9 and public schools, as well as the general public.]

10 "SEC. [50] **48. PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS.** – Any
11 person **WHO** or **ANY** juridical entity which violates any of the
12 provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of
13 not less than [Five] **FIFTY** thousand pesos [(P5,000)] **(PHP**
14 **50,000.00)** nor more than [Twenty] **ONE HUNDRED** thousand
15 pesos [(P20,000)] **(PHP 100,000.00)** [,] [or] **AND** by
16 imprisonment for not more than [one (1) year] **TWO (2) YEARS:** [or
17 both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court:
18 *Provided*, That for any second and additional offenses, both fine and
19 imprisonment shall always be imposed:] *Provided*, [further] That in
20 case the violation is committed by a juridical person, its President or
21 Chief Executive Officer thereof shall be liable.

22 **"THE NHCP MAY PRESCRIBE IN THE IMPLEMENTING**
23 **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT OTHER ACTS OR**
24 **OMISSIONS WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED DISRESPECTFUL, AND**
25 **THUS PROHIBITED, RELATIVE TO THE FLAG, NATIONAL**
26 **ANTHEM, GREAT SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, NATIONAL MOTTO,**
27 **AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES."**

28 **"SEC. 49. CITIZEN'S ARREST.** – **ANY CITIZEN SHALL**
29 **HAVE THE POWER TO CONDUCT A CITIZEN'S ARREST IF A**
30 **PERSON IS ACTUALLY VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS**
31 **OF THIS ACT IN HIS/HER PRESENCE AND CAN SUMMON ALL**
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1 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ASSIST HIM IN**
2 **CONDUCTING CITIZEN’S ARREST. ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL**
3 **AND USHERS IN MOVIEHOUSES ARE LIKewise AUTHORIZED**
4 **TO ARREST THE VIOLATORS.”**

5
6 CHAPTER [VIII] VI
7 COMMON PROVISIONS
8

9 “SEC. [51] **50. APPROPRIATIONS. — TO CARRY OUT THE**
10 **PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN**
11 **MILLION PESOS (Php 15,000,000.00) SHALL BE INITIALLY**
12 **APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL**
13 **TREASURY. SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE**
14 **PROVIDED BY CONGRESS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE**
15 **NHCP UNDER THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”**

16 “**SEC. 51. ISSUANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND**
17 **THEIR ENFORCEMENT.** – The [Institute] **NHCP** shall issue the
18 necessary rules and regulations [to implement the provisions of Act]
19 within ninety (90) days after [effectivity] **THE APPROVAL OF THIS**
20 **ACT.** The [Institute] **NHCP** shall submit its rules and regulations to
21 the Office of the President and the Congress of the Philippines.”

22
23 “[SEC. 52 -] The [Institute] **NHCP** shall [also] be responsible
24 for the strict enforcement of the provisions of this Act. It may call upon
25 any government department, agency, office, or government
26 instrumentality, including government corporations and local
27 government units, for such assistance as it may deem necessary for
28 the effective discharge of its functions under this Act.”

29
30 “[Sec. 53. *Separability Clause* – If any provision, or part hereof,
31 is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act not
32 otherwise affected shall be valid and subsisting.]
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1 **"SEC 52. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – IF FOR ANY REASON,**
2 **ANY PORTION OR PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE**
3 **DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, OTHER PARTS OR**
4 **PROVISIONS HEREOF WHICH ARE NOT AFFECTED THEREBY**
5 **SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT."**

6
7 **"[SEC. 54. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or**
8 **issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order,**
9 **rule or regulation contrary to part or parts thereof, inconsistent with**
10 **the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified**
11 **accordingly.]"**

12
13 **"SEC. 53. REPEALING CLAUSE. – ALL LAWS, DECREES,**
14 **EXECUTIVE ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, PART OR**
15 **PARTS THEREOF, INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF**
16 **THIS ACT, ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED**
17 **ACCORDINGLY."**

18
19 **SEC. 2. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date**
20 **of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general**
21 **circulation, whichever comes earlier.**

22 *Approved,*