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AN ACT TO INCLUDE ETHNIC ORIGIN IN NATIONAL SURVEYS,
CENSUSES AND OTHER DATA-GATHERING METHODS
CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO)

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Ethnic
2 Origin Act of 2011”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
4 recognize and promote the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the
5 framework of national unity and development. The State shall give the highest
6 priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all
7 the people to human dignity; reduce social, economic and political inequalities;
8 and remove cultural inequities.

9 SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following
10 terms shall mean:

11 (a) “Ethnic origin” includes race, national origin and ethno-linguistic
12 origin.

13 (b) “Indigenous peoples” shall, as provided under Section 3(h),
14 Chapter II of Republic Act No. 8371 or “The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act
15 of 1997”, refers to a group of people who are regarded as indigenous on
16 account of their descent from the populations which inhabited the country, at

1 the time of conquest or colonization, or at the time of inroads of
2 non-indigenous religions and cultures, or the establishment of present state
3 boundaries, who retain some or all of their own social, economic, cultural and
4 political institutions but who may have been displaced from their traditional
5 domains or who may have resettled outside their ancestral domains.

6 (c) "Muslim Filipinos" refers to a group of peoples of the Moro
7 ethno-linguistic groups who largely reside in Mindanao but also have
8 communities in parts of Visayas and Luzon.

9 SEC. 4. *Duty of the National Statistics Office (NSO).* – It shall be the
10 duty of the National Statistics Office (NSO) to ensure the inclusion of ethnic
11 origin in its national surveys, censuses and other data-gathering methods.

12 Upon the approval of this Act, the NSO, in coordination with the
13 National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the National
14 Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) and the National Statistical
15 Coordination Board (NSCB), shall conduct a special survey to ascertain the
16 actual number and other demographic data of indigenous peoples in the
17 Philippines.

18 SEC. 5. *Appropriations Clause.* – The amount necessary to effectively
19 carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General
20 Appropriations Act.

21 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act
22 is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions
23 hereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

24 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any provision of law or regulation
25 inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed, revoked or modified accordingly.

26 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
27 its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,