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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 to read as
2 follows:

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

5 "SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – **IT IS HEREBY**
6 **DECLARED THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT [R]**reverence and
7 respect shall at all times be accorded the flag, the anthem, and
8 other national symbols which embody the national ideals and
9 traditions and which express the principles of sovereignty and

1 national solidarity. The heraldic items and devices shall seek to
2 manifest the national virtues and to inculcate in the minds and
3 hearts of our people a just pride in their native land, fitting
4 respect and affection for the national flag and anthem, and **TO**
5 **PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR** the proper use of the national
6 motto, coat-of-arms and other heraldic items and devices.”

7 “SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – Whenever used in this
8 Act, the term:

9 “[(a) “Military” shall mean all branches of the Armed
10 Forces of the Philippines including the Philippine National
11 Police, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the
12 Bureau of Fire Protection;]

13 “(A) ‘ADVERTISEMENT OR INFOMERCIAL’ SHALL
14 MEAN ADVERTISEMENT OR ANY INFORMATION MATERIAL IN
15 PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION, CINEMA, VIDEO AND THE LIKE,
16 OUTDOOR AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, SEEKING TO PROMOTE
17 INDIVIDUALS, ENTITIES, PRODUCTS OR SERVICES FOR
18 COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL PURPOSES OR INFORMATION
19 CAMPAIGNS;

20 “(B) ‘DISPLAY’ SHALL REFER TO THE MANNER IN
21 WHICH THE FLAG IS PUBLICLY PRESENTED AND VENERATED;

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

25 “[(c)(D) ‘Flag’ shall mean the Philippine National Flag,
26 unless stated otherwise;

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

1 “(e) ‘Symbol’ shall mean any conventional sign which
2 reveals man’s achievement and heroism (for orders and
3 decorations), identification, authority and a sign of dignity (for
4 coat-of-arms, logo and insignia);]

5 “(F) ‘GOVERNMENT ENTITIES’ SHALL MEAN ALL
6 BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEIR BUREAUS AND,
7 ATTACHED AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, LOCAL
8 GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR
9 -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL
10 INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND THE ARMED
11 FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING ITS BASIC
12 COMPONENT UNITS;

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

18 “(H) ‘HALYARD’ SHALL MEAN THE LONG ROPE WHERE
19 THE FLAG FASTENS AND WHICH RUNS UP THE LENGTH OF THE
20 FLAGPOLE;

21 “(I) ‘HANGING POSITION’ SHALL MEAN THE WHITE
22 FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, THE BLUE FIELD SHALL BE TO THE
23 RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF PEACE; THE
24 WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, AND THE RED FIELD TO THE
25 RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF WAR;

26 “(J) ‘HERALDIC ITEMS/HERALDIC ITEMS AND
27 DEVICES’ SHALL MEAN COAT-OF-ARMS, SEALS, LOGOS,
28 INSIGNIAS, BADGES, FLASHES, PATCHES, ORDERS AND

1 DECORATIONS, MEDALS, STARS, CITATIONS, LAPEL PINS,
2 TROPHIES, DRY, WAX OR WET SEALS AND IMPRINTS ON
3 LETTERHEADS, ENVELOPES AND CARDS;

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

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

11 “[(i)](M) ‘National Anthem’ shall mean the Philippine
12 National Anthem, ENTITLED “LUPANG HINIRANG”;

13 “[(j)](N) ‘Official Residences’ shall mean Malacañang,
14 and other government-owned structures where the President
15 resides, [and other structures occupied by] the Philippine
16 Consulates or Embassies abroad, AND OTHER STRUCTURES
17 OCCUPIED BY NATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS;

18 “[(k)](O) ‘Places of Frivolity’ shall mean places of
19 hilarity marked by or providing boisterous merriment or
20 recreation; [and]

21 “[(l)](I) ‘Institute’ shall mean the National Historical
22 Institute.]

23 “(P) ‘PHILIPPINE SUN’ SHALL MEAN THE GOLDEN
24 SUNBURST WITH EIGHT (8) EQUALLY SPACED RAYS DISPLAYED
25 IN THE FLAG. EACH RAY HAVING ONE (1) MAJOR BEAM, TWICE
26 AS BROAD AS THE TWO (2) MINOR BEAMS ON EITHER SIDE;

1 “[*B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag*]

2 “SEC. 5. *HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL*
3 *FLAG.* – The flag shall be **HOISTED OR** displayed in all public
4 buildings, official residences, public plazas, and institutions of
5 learning every day throughout the year.”

6 “SEC. 6. *WHERE FLAG SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY*
7 *DISPLAYED.* – The flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and
8 night throughout the year, in front of the following: [at] (A)
9 Malacañang Palace; [the Congress of the Philippines] (B)
10 **SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES BUILDING;** (C) **HOUSE OF**
11 **REPRESENTATIVES** building; (D) Supreme Court building; [the]
12 (E) Rizal Monument in Luneta, **CITY OF MANILA;** (F) Aguinaldo
13 Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; (G) Barasoain Shrine in Malolos,
14 Bulacan; [the] (H) Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Libingan ng
15 mga Bayani **IN TAGUIG CITY, METRO MANILA;** (I) **ALL**
16 **MEMORIALS DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS OF THE MILITARY;**
17 (J) *Musoleo de los Veteranos dela Revolucion* **IN THE NORTH**
18 **CEMETERY, CITY OF MANILA;** (K) **MARCELA AGONCILLO**
19 **HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN TAAL, BATANGAS;**
20 (L) **PINAGLABANAN HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN SAN JUAN**
21 **CITY, METRO MANILA;** (M) all International Ports of Entry; and
22 (N) all other places as may be **SUBSEQUENTLY** designated **AND**
23 **MARKED** by the [Institute] **National Historical Institute (NHI).**

24 “The flag, **ON THE ABOVE-STATED PLACES,** shall be
25 properly illuminated at night.”

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

11 “The flag may also be displayed throughout the year in
12 private buildings or offices or raised [in the open on flag-staffs]
13 ON FLAGPOLES in front of private buildings: *Provided*, That
14 [they] THE OCCUPANTS OF THE SAID BUILDING SHALL observe
15 flag-raising ceremonies in accordance with the IMPLEMENTING
16 rules and regulations (IRR) to be issued by the [Office of the
17 President] NHI.”

18 “[SEC. 8. All government agencies and instrumentalities,
19 and local government offices, government-owned corporations
20 and local government units are enjoined to observe flag day with
21 appropriate ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non-government
22 organizations and the private sector are exhorted to cooperate in
23 making the celebrations a success.]”

1 “SEC. [9]8. *DISPLAY OF FLAG ON SEAFARING VESSELS.*

2 – The flag shall be flown on [merchant ships] **ALL SEAFARING**
3 **VESSELS** of Philippine registry [of more than one thousand
4 (1,000) gross tons and on all naval vessels].

5 “On board [naval] **SEAFARING** vessels, the flag shall be
6 displayed on the flag-staff at the stern when the ship is at anchor.
7 The flag shall be hoisted to the gaff at the aftermast when the
8 ship is at sea.”

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

16 “[The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering
17 at the top.]”

18 “SEC. [11]10. *FLAGPOLE IN THE OPEN FIELD.* – If
19 planted on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place
20 and shall be of such height as would give the flag commanding
21 position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity. **THE**
22 **FLAGPOLE STAFF MUST BE STRAIGHT AND SLIGHTLY**
23 **TAPERING AT THE TOP.**

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

3 “If on a stage or platform or government office, the flag
4 shall be at the left **OF THE OBSERVER** (facing the stage) or the
5 left of the office upon entering.”

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

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
15 greater size than the Philippine flag.”

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

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

1 “ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE
2 **PHILIPPINE FLAG SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE IRR TO BE**
3 **ISSUED BY THE NHI PURSUANT TO THE COMMON PROVISIONS**
4 **STATED IN THIS ACT.”**

5 “SEC. [14]13. *PROPER USE, DISPOSAL AND*
6 *REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT FLAG.* – THE FLAG SHALL BE
7 REPLACED IMMEDIATELY BY THE CONCERNED
8 AGENCY/INSTITUTION/OFFICE WHEN IT BEGINS TO SHOW SIGNS
9 OF WEAR AND TEAR.

10 “[A] THE flag worn out through wear and tear[,] shall not
11 be thrown away. It shall be TURNED OVER TO THE
12 APPROPRIATE BOY SCOUTS OR GIRL SCOUTS LOCAL COUNCIL
13 COMMITTEE FOUND IN THE NEAREST SCHOOL WHO SHALL
14 CONDUCT PROPER DISPOSAL RITES ON THE WORN OUT FLAG/S
15 [solemnly burned] to avoid misuse or desecration. [The flag
16 shall be replaced immediately when it begins to show signs of
17 wear and tear.]

18 “THE MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF THE WORN OUT FLAG
19 SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES TO BE ISSUED BY
20 THE NHI.”

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

1 “SEC. [16]15. *MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG.* –

2 The flag may be displayed:

3 “(a) Inside or outside a building or on stationary **OR**
4 **MOVABLE** flagpoles. If the flag is displayed indoors on a
5 flagpole, it shall be placed at the left of the observer as one
6 enters the room;

7 “(b) From the top of a flagpole, which shall be at a
8 prominent place or a commanding position in relation to the
9 surrounding buildings;

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

12 “(d) In a suspended position from a rope extending from
13 a building **OR LAMPOST** to A pole erected away from the
14 building;

15 “(e) Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars
16 on top; and

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

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

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

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

3 “After being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded
4 solemnly as part of the ceremony.”

5 “[*C. Conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony*]

6 “SEC. [18]17. *FLAG CEREMONY IN PUBLIC OFFICES*
7 *AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.* – All government offices and
8 educational institutions shall henceforth observe the flag-raising
9 ceremony every Monday morning and the flag lowering
10 ceremony every Friday afternoon. The ceremony shall be simple
11 and dignified and shall include the playing [or] **AND**
12 **MANDATORY** singing of the Philippine National Anthem.”

13 “[SEC. 19. The Office of the President upon the
14 recommendation of the Institute shall issue rules and regulations
15 for the proper conduct of the flag ceremony.]”

16 “SEC. [20]18. *DIGNITY IN THE OBSERVANCE OF FLAG*
17 *CEREMONY.* – The observance of the flag ceremony in official or
18 civic gatherings shall be simple and dignified and shall include
19 the playing [or] **AND MANDATORY** singing of the **NATIONAL**
20 anthem in its original Filipino lyrics and march tempo.”

21 “SEC. [21]19. *FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY.* – During the
22 flag-raising ceremony, the assembly shall stand in formation
23 facing the flag. At the moment the first note of the anthem is
24 heard, everyone in the premises shall come to attention; moving
25 vehicles shall stop. All persons present shall place their right
26 palms over their chest, those with hats shall uncover; while those

1 in military, scouting, security guard, and citizens military training
2 uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations,
3 which salute shall be completed upon the last note of the anthem.

4 “The assembly shall sing the Philippine [n]National
5 [a]Anthem, accompanied by a band, if available, and at the first
6 note, the flag shall be raised briskly.

7 “The same procedure shall be observed when the flag is
8 passing in review or in parade.”

9 “SEC. [22]20. *FLAG-LOWERING CEREMONY.* – During
10 the flag lowering, the flag shall be lowered solemnly and slowly
11 so that the flag shall be down the mast at the sound of the last
12 note of the anthem. Those in the assembly shall observe the
13 same deportment or shall observe the same behavior as for the
14 flag-raising ceremony.”

15 “[D. *Half-Mast*]

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

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

23 “(b) The Vice President, the Chief Justice, the President
24 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
25 **THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST** for seven (7) days;
26 and

1 “[*F. Pledge to the Flag*]

2 “SEC. [25]23. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.* – The following
3 shall be the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine flag:

4 “Ako ay Pilipino
5 Buong katapatang nanunumpa
6 Sa watawat ng Pilipinas
7 At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag
8 Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan
9 Na pinakikilos ng sambayang
10 Maka-Diyos
11 Maka-tao
12 Makakalikasan at
13 Makabansa.

14 “[Such pledge] **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE**
15 **PHILIPPINE FLAG** shall be recited while standing with the right
16 hand with palm open raised shoulder high. Individuals whose
17 faith or religious beliefs prohibit them from making such pledge
18 must nonetheless show full respect when the pledge is being
19 rendered by standing at attention.”

20 “SEC. 24. *OATH OF PATRIOTISM.* – **THE FOLLOWING**
21 **SHALL BE THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM TO THE PHILIPPINES**
22 **WHICH SHALL BE RECITED BY STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS IN**
23 **ADDITION TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE**
24 **PHILIPPINE FLAG:**

25 “**INIIBIG KO ANG PILIPINAS.**
26 **ITO ANG AKING LUPANG SINILANGAN.**
27 **ITO ANG TAHANAN NG AKING LAHI.**
28 **AKO’Y KANYANG KINUKUPKOP AT TINUTULUNGAN**

1 UPANG MAGING MALAKAS, MALIGAYA, AT
2 KAPAKIPAKINABANG.
3 BILANG GANTI, DIRINGGIN KO ANG PAYO NG AKING
4 MGA MAGULANG.
5 SUSUNDIN KO ANG MGA TUNTUNIN NG AKING
6 PAARALAN.
7 TUTUPARIN KO ANG MGA TUNGKULIN NG ISANG
8 MAMAMAYANG MAKABAYAN AT MASUNURIN SA BATAS.
9 PAGLILINGKURAN KO ANG AKING BAYAN NANG
10 WALANG PAG-IIMBOT AT NANG BUONG KATAPATAN.
11 SISIKAPIN KONG MAGING ISANG TUNAY NA PILIPINO,
12 SA ISIP, SA SALITA, AT SA GAWA.

13 "THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM SHALL BE RECITED WHILE
14 STANDING WITH THE RIGHT HAND WITH THE PALM OPEN
15 RAISED SHOULDER HIGH. IT SHALL BE RECITED IN ALL BASIC
16 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AFTER THE SINGING OF THE
17 NATIONAL ANTHEM. INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR
18 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS PROHIBIT THEM FROM MAKING SUCH
19 PLEDGE MUST, NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN
20 THE PLEDGE IS BEING RENDERED BY STANDING AT
21 ATTENTION."

22 "[G. Flag Days]

23 SEC. [26]25. *FLAG DAYS*. – The period from NATIONAL
24 FLAG DAY (May 28) to INDEPENDENCE DAY (June 12) of each
25 year is declared as Flag Days, during which period all offices,
26 agencies and instrumentalities of government, business
27 establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are
28 [enjoined] OBLIGATED to display the flag[.]: *PROVIDED,*
29 *HOWEVER, THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE DISPLAYED IN PRIVATE*

1 BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCES OR RAISED ON FLAGPOLES IN
2 FRONT OF SAID BUILDINGS EVERY APRIL 9 (ARAW NG
3 KAGITINGAN); MAY 1 (LABOR DAY); MAY 28 (NATIONAL
4 FLAG DAY) TO JUNE 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY); LAST SUNDAY
5 OF AUGUST (NATIONAL HEROES DAY); NOVEMBER 30
6 (BONIFACIO DAY); AND DECEMBER 30 (RIZAL DAY); AND ON
7 SUCH OTHER DAYS AS MAY BE DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT
8 AND/OR LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES.”

9 “SEC. 26. *OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAYS.* – ALL
10 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED
12 CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE
13 ENJOINED TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY WITH APPROPRIATE
14 CEREMONIES. SOCIO-CIVIC GROUPS, NON-GOVERNMENT
15 ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE EXHORTED TO
16 COOPERATE IN MAKING THE CELEBRATION A SUCCESS.”

17 “[*H. Specifications of the National Flag*]

18 “SEC. 27. *FLAG PROPORTIONS.* – The flag shall have the
19 following proportions. The width of the flag, ONE (1); the length
20 of the flag, TWO (2); and sides of the white triangle, ONE (1).”

21 “SEC. 28. *FLAG TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.* – The
22 technical specifications OF THE FLAG shall be as follows:

23 “The blue color shall bear Cable No. 80173; the white
24 color, Cable No. 80001; the red color, Cable No. 80108; and the
25 golden yellow, Cable No. 80068.”

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

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

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

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

1 “SEC. 30. *FLAG PURCHASE INSPECTION.* – All deliveries
2 of the flags requisitioned by the government shall be inspected
3 by the requisitioning agency’s internal inspector and by the
4 Commission on Audit (COA) using the flag stamped approved
5 by the [Institute] NHI as reference.”

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

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

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

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

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

4 “(e) To wear the flag, SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS [in whole
5 or in part] as PART OF a costume or [uniform;] AS A FASHION
6 ACCESSORY OR MERELY AS A DESIGN ELEMENT: *PROVIDED,*
7 **THAT THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, MAY BE**
8 **INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE UNIFORM OF FILIPINOS**
9 **REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINES IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS,**
10 **CULTURAL OR SCIENTIFIC COMPETITIONS OR OFFICIAL**
11 **FUNCTIONS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NHI;**

12 “(f) To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design,
13 drawings, advertisement, or imprint [of any nature] on the
14 flag[;], SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS OR ANY REPRESENTATION
15 **THEREFORE;**

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

19 “[(h) To display in public any foreign flag, except in
20 embassies and other diplomatic establishments, and in offices of
21 international organizations;]

22 “[(i)](H) To use[,] OR display **THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT-**
23 **OF-ARMS,** or be part of any advertisement or infomercial
24 **WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE NHI[; and].**

25 “[(j) To display the flag in front of buildings or offices
26 occupied by aliens.]”

1 "CHAPTER II

2 "THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

3 "SEC. [35]34. *TITLE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.* -- The
4 National Anthem is entitled Lupang Hinirang."

5 "SEC. [36]35. *LANGUAGE AND LYRICS OF THE*
6 *NATIONAL ANTHEM.* -- The National Anthem shall always be
7 sung in the national language within or [without] **OUTSIDE** the
8 country. The following shall be the lyrics of the National
9 Anthem:

10 "Bayang magiliw,
11 Perlas ng Silanganan,
12 Alab ng puso,
13 Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.
14 Lupang hinirang,
15 Duyan ka ng magiting,
16 Sa manlulupig,
17 Di ka pasisiil.
18 Sa dagat at bundok,
19 Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,
20 May dilag ang tula,
21 At awit sa paglayang minamahal.
22 Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
23 Tagumpay na nagniningning,
24 Ang bituin at araw niya,
25 Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim[.].
26 Lupa ng araw ng luwalhati't pagsinta,
27 Buhay ay langit sa piling mo,

1 Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi,
2 Ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo.”

3 “SEC. [37]36. *RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.*
4 – The rendition of the National Anthem[, whether played or
5 sung, shall be in accordance with the musical arrangement and
6 composition of Julian Felipe.] SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 THE MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT AND COMPOSITION OF JULIAN
8 FELIPE, IN 2/4 BEAT WHEN PLAYED; AND WITHIN THE RANGE
9 OF 100 TO 120 METRONOME, IN 4/4 BEAT WHEN SUNG. THE
10 NHI, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PROPER GOVERNMENT
11 AGENCY, SHALL DISSEMINATE AN OFFICIAL MUSIC SCORE
12 SHEET THAT REFLECTS THE MANNER IN WHICH THE
13 NATIONAL ANTHEM SHOULD BE PLAYED OR SUNG.”

14 “SEC. [38]37. *MANNER OF SINGING THE NATIONAL*
15 *ANTHEM.* – When the National Anthem is played at a public
16 gathering, whether by a band [or by singing or both,] or
17 [reproduced by any means,] THROUGH THE PLAYING OF A
18 RECORDING IN ANY FORMAT, the attending public shall sing the
19 NATIONAL [a]Anthem. The singing SHALL BE MANDATORY
20 AND must be done with fervor.

21 “As a sign of respect, all persons shall stand at attention
22 and face the Philippine flag, if there is one displayed, and if there
23 is none, they shall face the band or the conductor. At the first
24 note, all persons shall execute a salute by placing their right
25 palms over their left chests. [Those in military, scouting,
26 citizens] THE MILITARY AND THOSE IN military training and

1 security guard uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their
2 regulations. The salute shall be completed upon the last note of
3 the NATIONAL [a]ANTHEM.

4 "INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
5 PROHIBIT THEM FROM SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
6 MUST, NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT BY STANDING AT
7 ATTENTION.

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

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

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

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

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

21 "(e) Other occasions as may be allowed by the [Institute]
22 NHI."

23 "SEC. [39]38. **STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR**
24 **THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.** – All officials and
25 employees of the national and local governmentS, and any
26 agency or instrumentality thereof, including government-owned
27 or -controlled corporations, privately-owned entities or offices

1 displaying the national flag and government institutions of
 2 learning are hereby directed to comply strictly with the rules
 3 prescribed for the rendition of the anthem. Failure to observe the
 4 rules shall be a ground for administrative discipline.”

5 “SEC. 39. *OBLIGATIONS OF EDUCATION REGULATION*
 6 *AGENCIES.* – THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED), THE
 7 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND THE
 8 TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
 9 AUTHORITY (TESDA) SHALL ENSURE THAT THE NATIONAL
 10 ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, SHALL BE COMMITTED TO
 11 MEMORY BY ALL STUDENTS OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
 12 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND PERFORMED DURING THE
 13 FLAG CEREMONY CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
 14 RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE NHI. IN ADDITION,
 15 THEY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE THE VOCAL, PIANO OR BAND
 16 SCORES OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, TO
 17 ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THE
 18 GENERAL PUBLIC.”

19 “CHAPTER III

20 “THE NATIONAL MOTTO, THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS
 21 AND THE GREAT SEAL

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 23 “SEC. 40. *THE NATIONAL MOTTO.* – The National Motto
 24 shall be ‘MAKA-DIYOS, MAKA-TAO, MAKAKALIKASAN
 25 AT MAKABANSA.’”

26 “[CHAPTER IV]

27 “[THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS]

28 “SEC. 41. *THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS.* – The
 29 National Coat-of-Arms shall have:

"CHAPTER [VI]IV

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2 " [OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER]HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES

3 "SEC. 44. *ADOPTION OF HERALDIC AND SIMILAR*
4 *DEVICES.* – Any government entity, including the military, may
5 adopt appropriate HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES SUCH AS
6 MEDALS, coat-of-arms, administrative seals, logo, insignia,
7 badges, patches, and banners; and initiate awards, citations,
8 orders or decorations; as may be authorized by Congress or the
9 Office of the President."

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

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

1 “[SEC. 47. No government official or employee shall
2 accept any order or decoration from any foreign government
3 without the consent of Congress, and without the prior evaluation
4 and documentation of such order or decoration by the Institute.]”

5 “CHAPTER [VII]V

6 “PENALTIES

7 “SEC. [48]47. *PUBLIC CENSURE/CANCELLATION OF*
8 *PERMIT.* – Failure or refusal to observe the provisions of this
9 Act; and any violation of the corresponding rules and regulations
10 issued by the [Office of the President,] NHI shall, after proper
11 notice and hearing, be penalized by public censure which shall
12 be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation.

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

19 “[SEC. 49. The Department of Education, Culture and
20 Sports (DECS) and the Commission on Higher Education shall
21 ensure that the National Anthem, as adopted by law, shall be
22 committed to memory by all students of both public and private
23 educational institutions, and performed during the flag ceremony
24 conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by
25 the Office of the President. In addition, they shall make
26 available the vocal, piano or band scores of the National

1 Anthem, as adopted by law, to all private and public schools, as
2 well as the general public.]"

3 "SEC. [50]48. *PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS.* – Any
4 person WHO or ANY juridical entity which violates any of the
5 provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a
6 fine of not less than [Five] FIFTY thousand pesos
7 [(P5,000)] (PHP50,000.00) nor more than [Twenty] ONE
8 HUNDRED thousand pesos [(P20,000)] (PHP100,000.00) [, or]
9 AND by imprisonment for not more than [one (1) year,] TWO (2)
10 YEARS: [or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of
11 the court: *Provided*, That for any second and additional offenses,
12 both fine and imprisonment shall always be imposed:]*Provided*,
13 [further,] That in case the violation is committed by a juridical
14 person, its President or Chief Executive Officer thereof shall be
15 liable.

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

22 "SEC. 49. *CITIZEN'S ARREST.* – ANY CITIZEN SHALL
23 HAVE THE POWER TO CONDUCT A CITIZEN'S ARREST IF A
24 PERSON IS ACTUALLY VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF
25 THIS ACT IN HIS/HER PRESENCE AND CAN SUMMON ALL LAW
26 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ASSIST HIM/HER IN CONDUCTING

1 CITIZEN'S ARREST. ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND USHERS IN
2 MOVIEHOUSES ARE LIKEWISE AUTHORIZED TO ARREST THE
3 VIOLATORS."

4 "CHAPTER [VIII]VI

5 "COMMON PROVISIONS

6 "SEC. [51]50. *ISSUANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS*
7 *AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT.* – The [Institute] NHI shall issue
8 the necessary rules and regulations [to implement the provisions
9 of this Act] within ninety (90) days after [effectivity] **THE**
10 **APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.** The [Institute] NHI shall submit its
11 rules and regulations to the Office of the President and the
12 Congress of the Philippines.

13 "[SEC. 52.] The [Institute] NHI shall [also] be
14 responsible for the strict enforcement of the provisions of this
15 Act. It may call upon any government department, agency,
16 office, or government instrumentality, including government
17 corporations, and local government units, for such assistance as
18 it may deem necessary for the effective discharge of its functions
19 under this Act."

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

24 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
25 and regulations, part or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this
26 Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
2 the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
3 newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

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