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DE GUZMAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2449

AN ACT TO SET THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD TIME (PST) IN ALL
OFFICIAL SOURCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO
PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF SYNCHRONIZED TIME DEVICES TO BE
DISPLAYED IN KEY PUBLIC PLACES AND TO DECLARE THE
FIRST WEEK OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL TIME
CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

*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 Philippine
2 Standard Time (PST) Act of 2009”.

3 SEC. 2. *Display of the Philippine Standard Time.* – All national and
4 local government offices shall display the PST on their official time devices,
5 including bundy clocks, in accordance with the official time being provided by
6 the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services
7 Administration (PAGASA), using its network time protocol. All of these

1 offices shall coordinate, at least once a month, with the PAGASA to
2 synchronize their official timepieces and devices.

3 SEC. 3. *Monitoring, Maintenance and Dissemination of the PST.* –
4 The PAGASA's Time Service Unit, in coordination with the Department of
5 Science and Technology (DOST), shall be tasked to monitor, maintain and
6 disseminate the PST throughout the country. PAGASA shall operate and
7 maintain a timekeeping system to perform this function and shall endeavor to
8 install and maintain sufficiently large and prominently displayed synchronized
9 time devices in all their field stations and in key public places.

10 SEC. 4. *Procurement of Equipment for the Automatic Dissemination of*
11 *Time.* – The procurement of equipment necessary for the automatic
12 dissemination of time with global positioning system (GPS) shall be in
13 accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 (Government
14 Procurement Reform Act). The DOST shall be the procurement overseer of
15 said equipment.

16 SEC. 5. *Participation of Media.* – The National Telecommunications
17 Commission (NTC) shall require the participation of all government and
18 private television and radio stations in order to ensure that such
19 synchronization can be undertaken even in the most remote parts of the
20 country.

21 SEC. 6. *Violations.* – For any violation of the provisions of this Act,
22 the Commissioner of the NTC or the duly authorized representative may apply
23 to the appropriate metropolitan trial courts, municipal trial courts or municipal
24 circuit trial courts for the territorial jurisdiction in which such violation occurs
25 for the enforcement of this Act; and such court shall have jurisdiction to
26 enforce obedience thereto by writ of injunction or by other process, mandatory
27 or otherwise, restraining further violations of this Act and enjoining obedience
28 thereto.

1 Owners of private television and radio stations who shall fail to
2 calibrate and synchronize their time devices with the PST during their
3 broadcast shall upon conviction, be penalized with a fine of not less than
4 Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) but not more than Fifty thousand pesos
5 (P50,000.00), and in case of second offense, revocation and cancellation of its
6 franchise to operate.

7 The fine to be collected in the furtherance of the violation of this Act
8 shall be deposited in the general fund of the National Treasury.

9 SEC. 7. *Information Campaign.* – All national and local government
10 offices, including all schools, public or private, shall conduct a continuing
11 information about the value of time and need for respect for the time of others,
12 in order that the people may realize the imperative of synchronizing the official
13 time.

14 SEC. 8. *Institutionalization of the “National Time Consciousness*
15 *Week”.* – The “National Time Consciousness Week” shall be institutionalized
16 and celebrated every first week of the year.

17 SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DOST and the
18 Director of PAGASA shall immediately include in their respective agency’s
19 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
20 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

21 SEC. 10. *Implementing Guidelines.* – The PAGASA, in coordination
22 with the DOST, the NTC, the Department of Transportation and
23 Communications (DOTC), the Department of the Interior and Local
24 Government (DILG), the Department of National Defense (DND) and the
25 Department of Health (DOH), shall promulgate the necessary guidelines for
26 the effective implementation of the calibration and synchronization of the
27 timekeeping devices within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this Act.

1 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act is
2 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
3 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

4 SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
5 proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances or parts thereof which are
6 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
7 accordingly.

8 SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
9 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of
10 general circulation.

Approved,

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