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**AN ACT**  
**ENHANCING THE CAPABILITIES, MANDATE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL**  
**STRUCTURE OF THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND**  
**CLASSIFICATION BOARD (MTRCB), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**  
**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1986**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provided the following guarantees, in Article XIV:

- "The State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression."
- "Arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations."
- "All the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition."

The equivalent constitutional provisions in the 1935 and 1973 fundamental law served as backdrops for the issuance of P.D. No. 1986, the present Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB). The same statute recognizes the crucial role of prudent film and television regulation. In addition to classification

and review, P.D. No. 1986 states that film and television regulation includes developing the industry "to make it viable as a source for fuelling the national economy."

The MTRCB has been frequently modified and upgraded to adequately address the demands of our constantly changing media industry. Its earliest precursor is the Board of Censors which was established in 1960 through R.A. No. 3060. The Board as then constituted had the power to censor or prohibit the introduction of motion pictures which were deemed "immoral, indecent, contrary to law and/or good custom or injurious to the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines or its people" and to classify those approved for exhibition. In addition, it was empowered to appoint its own personnel, to promulgate its internal procedures and to charge fees for each review. These powers and functions have remained essentially unchanged.

The significance of any film and television regulatory agencies can be mirrored in establishing an equilibrium of balancing conflicting interests and satisfying consumer demand for quality entertainment. For example, in one most effective regulatory laws on film and television, the law governing the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), the following are among its powers:

- a. Plan the availability of segments of the broadcasting services bands on an area basis.
- b. Allocate, renew, suspend and cancel licenses and to take other, enforcement action (including conducting investigations, designing and administering price-based systems for the allocation of licenses and collecting fees).
- c. Conduct or commission research into community attitudes on issues relating to programs.
- d. Assist broadcasting service providers in developing codes of practice and monitor compliance.

e. Keep itself and the Minister informed on technological advances and service trends in the broadcasting industry.<sup>1</sup>

With these information as rationale, this policy measure is submitted. Likewise, in addition to the constitutional provisions on arts and culture mentioned, the pro-active dictates that, "[t]he State shall provide the policy environment for the full development 'of Filipino capability and the emergence of communication structures suitable to the needs and aspirations of the nation" is a strong boost to the proposed improvement on the MTRCB Charter.

The MTRCB must be able to adequately address the changing demands of our film and television industry and protect generations and generations of Filipinos, and hence, the swift and timely approval of this bill is urgently sought.



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<sup>1</sup> *Australian Communication and Media Authority Act of 2005.*

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

1 Section 1. – Section 1 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "Sec 1. TITLE. – THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "MOVIE AND  
3 TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD OF 2019". THE  
4 BOARD SHALL BE PLACED under the Office of the President AND shall  
5 have its principal office in Metropolitan Manila.

6 Sec. 2. – Section 2 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 "Sec. 2. Composition: Qualification; Benefits. – The BOARD shall be  
9 composed of a ChairPERSON, a Vice-ChairPERSON and thirty (30)  
10 members, who shall all be appointed by the President of the Philippines.  
11 The ChairPERSON shall hold office for a term of THREE (3) YEARS, while  
12 the Vice-Chairman, and the members of the BOARD shall hold office for  
13 a term of TWO (2) YEARS, unless in all cases sooner removed by the  
14 President for cause; *Provided*, that the CHAIRPERSON, VICE-  
15 CHAIRPERSON AND THIRTY (30) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD shall be  
16 eligible for reappointment after the expiration of their respective terms.

1 If the ChairPERSON, or the Vice-ChairPERSON or any member of the  
2 BOARD fails to complete his/HER term, any person appointed to fill the  
3 vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term of the  
4 officer whom he succeeds. *PROVIDED, FURTHER,* THAT THE  
5 INCUMBENT CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF  
6 THE BOARD SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THEIR  
7 SUCCESSORS SHALL HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND DULY QUALIFIED.

8 No person shall be appointed to the BOARD, unless he/SHE is a natural-  
9 born citizen of the Philippines, not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, and  
10 of good moral character and standing in the community; *Provided,* that in the  
11 selection of the members of the BOARD due consideration shall be given to  
12 such qualifications as would produce a multi-sectoral combination of expertise  
13 in the various aspects of motion picture and television industries; *Provided,*  
14 *further,* that at least SEVEN (7) members of the BOARD shall be members of  
15 the Philippine Bar, NOT COUNTING THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE VICE-  
16 CHAIRPERSON; *Provided, finally,* that at least fifteen (15) members of the  
17 BOARD, ASIDE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON,  
18 SHALL come from the movie and television industries, PREFERABLY nominated  
19 by legitimate associations representing the various sectors of said industries.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL HAVE THE RANK, SALARY, RIGHTS,  
21 PRIVILEGES, BENEFITS, DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS  
22 EQUIVALENT TO A DEPARTMENT UNDERSECRETARY BASED ON  
23 CURRENT APPROVED UNIFIED COMPENSATION AND POSITION  
24 CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE VICE  
25 CHAIRPERSON AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE  
26 ENTITLED TO REASONABLE PER DIEM, HONORARIA AND ALLOWANCES  
27 AS MAYBE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, BASED ON EXISTING LAWS,  
28 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

29 Sec. 3. – Section 3 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
30 follows:



1 "Sec. 3. Powers and Functions. - The Board shall have the following  
2 functions, powers and duties:

3 a) [To] promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary or  
4 proper for the implementation of this Act, and the  
5 accomplishment of its purposes and objectives, including  
6 guidelines and standards for production, advertising and titles.  
7 Any such rules and regulations shall take effect after fifteen (15)  
8 days following their publication in newspapers of general  
9 circulation in the Philippines;

10 b) [To] screen, review and examine all motion pictures as herein  
11 defined, television programs, including publicity materials such as  
12 advertisements, trailers and stills, whether such motion pictures  
13 and publicity materials be for theatrical or non-theatrical  
14 distribution, for television broadcast or for general viewing,  
15 imported or produced in the Philippines, and in the latter case,  
16 whether they be for local viewing or for export;

17 c) [To] approve or disapprove objectionable portions from and/or  
18 prohibit the importation, exportation, production, copying,  
19 distribution, sale, lease, exhibition and/or television broadcast of  
20 the motion pictures, television programs and publicity materials  
21 subject of the preceding paragraph, which, in the judgment of the  
22 BOARD, applying contemporary Filipino cultural values as  
23 standard, are objectionable for being immoral, indecent, contrary  
24 to law and/or good customs, injurious to the prestige of the  
25 Republic of the Philippines or its people, or with a dangerous  
26 tendency to encourage the commission of violence or of a wrong  
27 or crime, such as but not limited to:

28 i. Those which tend to incite subversion, insurrection, rebellion  
29 or sedition against the State, or otherwise threaten the  
30 economic and/or political stability of the State;

- 1           ii. Those which tend to undermine the faith and confidence of
- 2           the people in their government and/or the duly constituted
- 3           authorities;
- 4           iii. Those which glorify criminals or condone crimes;
- 5           iv. Those which serve no other purpose but to satisfy the market
- 6           for violence or pornography;
- 7           v. Those which tend to abet the traffic in and use of prohibited
- 8           drugs;
- 9           vi. Those which are libelous or defamatory to the good name
- 10          and reputation of any person, whether living or dead; and
- 11          vii. Those which may constitute contempt of court or of any
- 12          quasi-judicial tribunal, or pertain to matter which are sub-
- 13          judice in nature.

14           *Provided*, however, that deletions or cuts must not be made on the  
15 master negative of the films, and that such master negative shall be deposited  
16 with the Film Archives of the Philippines and shall be released for export  
17 purposes to the film owner only upon showing of the proper export permit;  
18 *Provided, finally*, that the film owner shall execute his own undertaking that  
19 such master negative shall be exclusively used for export purposes and not for  
20 local viewing;

21           d) [To] supervise, regulate, and grant, deny or cancel, permits for  
22           the importation, exportation, production, copying, distribution,  
23           sale, lease, exhibition, and/or television broadcast of all motion  
24           pictures, television programs and publicity materials, to the end  
25           that no such pictures, programs and materials as are determined  
26           by the BOARD to be objectionable in accordance with paragraph  
27           (c) hereof shall be imported, exported, produced, copied,  
28           reproduced, distributed, sold, leased, exhibited and/or broadcast  
29           by television;

30           e) [To] classify motion pictures, television programs and similar  
31           shows into categories such as "G" or "For General Patronage" (all

1           ages admitted), "P" or "Parental Guidance Suggested", "R" or  
2           "Restricted" (for adults only), "X" or "Not for Public Viewing", or  
3           such other categories as the BOARD may determine for the public  
4           interest;

5           f) [To] close movie houses and other similar establishments  
6           engaged in the public exhibition of motion pictures, television  
7           programs and publicity materials, which violate the provisions of  
8           this Act and the rules and regulations promulgated by the BOARD  
9           pursuant hereto;

10          g) [To] levy, assess and collect, and periodically adjust and revise  
11          the rates of, fees and charges for the work of review and  
12          examination and for the issuance of the licenses and permits  
13          which the BOARD is authorized to grant in the exercise of its  
14          powers and functions and in the performance of its duties and  
15          responsibilities;

16          h) [To] deputize representatives from the government and from the  
17          various associations in the movie industry, whose main duties  
18          shall be to help ensure compliance with all laws relative to the  
19          importation, exportation, copying, distribution, sale, lease,  
20          exhibition and/or television broadcast of motion pictures,  
21          television programs, advertisements and publicity materials. For  
22          this purpose, the BOARD may constitute such Regulatory Council  
23          or Councils composed of representatives from the government  
24          and the movie and television industry as may be appropriate to  
25          implement the purposes and objectives of this Act. The BOARD  
26          may also call on any law enforcement agency for assistance in  
27          the implementation and enforcement of its decisions, orders or  
28          awards;

29          i) [To] cause the prosecution, on behalf of the People of the  
30          Philippines, of violators of this Act, of anti-trust, obscenity,



1           censorship and other laws pertinent to the movie and television  
2           industry;

3           J) HEAR AND RESOLVE ADMINISTRATIVE CASES AGAINST  
4           VIOLATORS OF THIS ACT AND IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE  
5           SANCTIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE  
6           IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES; PREVENTIVE CUSTODY  
7           OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS USED IN THE EXHIBITION  
8           AND/OR COPYING OF MOTION PICTURES; SUSPENSION, NON-  
9           RENEWAL OR CANCELLATION OF THE LICENSES OR PERMITS  
10          TO OPERATE AND/OR EXHIBIT; SUSPENSION OF TELEVISION  
11          PROGRAMS; SEIZURE AND CONFISCATION OF THE  
12          OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL BEING EXHIBITED OR SHOWN  
13          WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OR IN VIOLATION OF THIS  
14          ACT; AND THE CLOSURE OF MOVIE THEATERS, TELEVISION  
15          STATIONS, CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS, ESTABLISHMENTS  
16          OR ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF MOTION  
17          PICTURES, TELEVISION PROGRAMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS  
18          THAT VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS RULES  
19          AND REGULATION. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE BOARD SHALL  
20          HAVE THE POWER TO CITE IN CONTEMPT PERSONS OR  
21          ENTITIES WILLFULLY DISREGARDING ITS PROCESSES AND TO  
22          ISSUE SUBPOENA OR SUBPOENA *DUCES TECUM* TO COMPEL  
23          THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES AND PRODUCTION OF  
24          DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EFFECTS;

25          k) [To] prescribe the internal and operational procedures for the  
26          exercise of its powers and functions as well as the performance of  
27          its duties and responsibilities, including the creation and vesting  
28          of authority upon sub-committees of the BOARD for the work of  
29          review and other related matters; and

30          L) ACQUIRE, UTILIZE OR DISPOSE OF, IN ANY MANNER  
31          RECOGNIZED BY LAW, REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE

1 PHILIPPINES OR ELSEWHERE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE  
2 PURPOSES OF THIS ACT;

3 M) HAVE THE POWER OF SUCCESSION, TO SUE AND BE SUED IN  
4 COURTS OF LAW, AND TO ENTER INTO, MAKE, PERFORM AND  
5 CARRY OUT CONTRACTS OF EVERY KIND AND DESCRIPTION  
6 WITH ANY PERSON, FIRM OR ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION,  
7 DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN;

8 N) TO INVEST, OWN OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN EQUITY IN  
9 ANY ESTABLISHMENT, FIRM OR ENTITY;

10 O) ADOPT FROM TIME TO TIME A BUDGET OF CAPITAL AND  
11 OPERATING EXPENDITURES IN THE INTEREST OF EFFECTIVE  
12 ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS AGAINST ALL FUNDS  
13 AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD UNDER THIS ACT, AS WELL AS, TO  
14 APPROVE THE ANNUAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF  
15 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES INCLUDING SALARIES AND  
16 ALLOWANCES OF BOARD PERSONNEL;

17 P) COMPROMISE, CONDONE OR RELEASE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART,  
18 ANY INTEREST, PENALTY OR ANY CIVIL LIABILITY TO THE  
19 BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE FEES AND CHARGES  
20 IMPOSED BY THE BOARD, UNDER SUCH TERMS AND  
21 CONDITIONS AS IT MAY PRESCRIBED;

22 Q) APPROVE THE BOARD'S ORGANIZATIONAL AND  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND STAFFING PATTERN, AND  
24 TO ESTABLISH, FIX, REVIEW, REVISE AND ADJUST THE  
25 APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR THE OFFICERS  
26 AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
27 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

28 R) [To] exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary or  
29 incidental to the attainment of the purposes and objectives of  
30 this Act, and to perform such other related duties and

1 responsibilities as may be directed by the President of the  
2 Philippines.

3 Sec. 4. - Section 4 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 "Sec. 4. Decision. - The decision of the BOARD either approving or  
6 disapproving for exhibition in the Philippines a motion picture, television  
7 program, still and other pictorial advertisement submitted to it for  
8 examination and review must be rendered within a period of ten (10)  
9 days which shall be counted from the date of receipt by the BOARD of  
10 an application for the purpose, together with motion picture, television  
11 program, still or other pictorial advertisement to be reviewed.

12 For each review session, the ChairPERSON of the BOARD shall designate  
13 a sub-committee composed of at least three (3) BOARD Members to undertake  
14 the work of review. Any disapproval or deletion must be approved by a  
15 majority of the sub-committee members so designated. After receipt of the  
16 written decision of the sub-committee, a motion for reconsideration in writing  
17 may be made, upon which the ChairPERSON of the BOARD shall designate a  
18 sub-committee of five (5) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD to undertake a second  
19 review session, whose decision on behalf of the BOARD shall be rendered  
20 through a majority of the sub-committee members so designated and present  
21 at the second review session. This second review session shall be presided over  
22 by the ChairPERSON, or the Vice-ChairPERSON, or by a member designated by  
23 the ChairPERSON. The decision of the BOARD in the second review session  
24 shall be rendered within five (5) days from the date of receipt of the motion for  
25 reconsideration.

26 Every decision of the BOARD disapproving a motion picture, television  
27 program or publicity material for exhibition in the Philippines must be in  
28 writing, and shall state the reasons or grounds for such disapproval. No film or  
29 motion picture intended for exhibition at movie houses or theaters or on  
30 television shall be disapproved by reason of its topic, theme or subject matter,  
31 but upon the merits of each picture or program considered in its entirety.

1           A DECISION OF THE BOARD IN THE SECOND REVIEW SESSION shall be  
2 final, with the exception of a decision disapproving or prohibiting a motion  
3 picture or television program in its entirety which shall be appealable to the  
4 President of the Philippines, who may himself decide the appeal, or be assisted  
5 either by an *ad hoc* committee he may create or by the Appeals Committee  
6 herein created.

7           An Appeals Committee in the Office of the President of the Philippines is  
8 hereby created composed of a ChairPERSON and four (4) members to be  
9 appointed by the President of the Philippines, which shall submit its  
10 recommendations to the President. The Office of the DEPUTY EXECUTIVE  
11 SECRETARY for Legal Affairs shall serve as the Secretariat of the Appeals  
12 Committee.

13           The decision of the President of the Philippines on any appealed matter  
14 shall be final.

15           Sec. 5. – Section 5 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows:

17           "Sec. 5. Executive Officer. - The ChairPERSON of the BOARD shall be the  
18 Chief Executive Officer of the BOARD. He shall exercise the following  
19 functions, powers and duties:

- 20           a. execute, implement and enforce the decisions, orders, awards,  
21           rules and regulations issued by the BOARD;
- 22           b. direct and supervise the operations and the internal affairs of the  
23           BOARD;
- 24           c. establish the internal organization and administrative procedures  
25           of the BOARD, and recommend to the BOARD the appointment of  
26           the necessary administrative and subordinate personnel; and
- 27           d. exercise such other powers and functions and perform such  
28           duties as are not specifically lodged in the BOARD.

29           The Chief Executive Officer shall be assisted by an Executive Director  
30 who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The Executive  
31 Director shall hold office for a term of TWO (2) YEARS, unless sooner removed



1 by the President of the Philippines for any cause; *Provided*, that any appointee  
2 shall be eligible for re-appointment after the expiration of his/HER term.

3 UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE EXECUTIVE  
4 DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE RANK, SALARY, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND  
5 BENEFITS EQUIVALENT TO A DIRECTOR IV UNDER THE PREVAILING  
6 COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF THE  
7 GOVERNMENT.

8 Sec. 6. – Section 6 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 "Sec. 6. Examination and Review. - Except members of the BOARD AND  
11 persons specifically authorized by the BOARD, no person shall be  
12 allowed inside the REVIEW room during the examination and review of a  
13 motion picture, television program or publicity material. Before each  
14 review session, the distributor or producer shall submit to the BOARD a  
15 sworn statement declaring the exact number of prints made for the  
16 picture or material to be examined or reviewed, AND SUCH OTHER  
17 INFORMATION AS THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE.

18 Sec. 7. – Section 7 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 "Sec. 7. PROHIBITED ACTS. –

21 A) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to distribute or exhibit  
22 or cause to be distributed or exhibited in any movie theater,  
23 television, CABLE TELEVISION OR SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS,  
24 any motion picture, television program, publicity material OR  
25 ADVERTISEMENT WHICH, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD  
26 APPLYING CONTEMPORARY FILIPINO CULTURAL VALUES AS  
27 STANDARD, IS OBJECTIONABLE FOR BEING IMMORAL,  
28 INDECENT, CONTRARY TO LAW, PUBLIC POLICY OR GOOD  
29 CUSTOMS, OR WITH DANGEROUS TENDENCY TO ENCOURAGE  
30 THE COMMISSION OF VIOLENCE, OR OF A WRONG, OR CRIME,  
31 SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THOSE WHICH GLORIFY



1 CRIMINALS OR CONDONE CRIMES; THOSE WHICH SERVE NO  
2 OTHER PURPOSE BUT TO SATISFY THE MARKET FOR VIOLENCE  
3 OR PORNOGRAPHY; THOSE WHICH TEND TO ABET THE TRAFFIC  
4 IN AND USE OF PROHIBITED DRUGS; THOSE WHICH ARE  
5 LIBELOUS OR DEFAMATORY TO THE GOOD NAME AND  
6 REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON, WHETHER LIVING OR DEAD; OR  
7 THOSE WHICH MAY CONSTITUTE CONTEMPT OF COURT OR OF  
8 ANY QUASI-JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL, OR PERTAIN TO MATTERS  
9 SUB-JUDICE IN NATURE.

10 B) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY MOVIE THEATER, TELEVISION  
11 NETWORKS, CABLE TELEVISION STATIONS AND OTHER  
12 PERSONS OR ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE MOVIE, TELEVISION  
13 AND ADVERTISING INDUSTRY TO EXHIBIT MOTION PICTURES,  
14 TELEVISION PROGRAMS, PUBLICITY MATERIALS AND  
15 ADVERTISEMENTS, WITHOUT THE ENTITY FIRST BEING  
16 REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD.

17 C) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO  
18 DISTRIBUTE OR EXHIBIT OR CAUSE TO BE DISTRIBUTED OR  
19 EXHIBITED IN ANY MOVIE THEATER, TELEVISION, CABLE  
20 TELEVISION OR SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, ANY MOTION  
21 PICTURE, TELEVISION PROGRAM, PUBLICITY MATERIAL OR  
22 ADVERTISEMENT THAT HAS NOT BEEN OR DIFFERENT FROM  
23 THAT AS REVIEWED, CLASSIFIED AND APPROVED FOR  
24 DISTRIBUTION OR EXHIBITION BY THE BOARD, OR WHICH,  
25 ALTHOUGH PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED, ARE COVERED BY  
26 PERMITS THAT HAVE ALREADY EXPIRED, OR CANCELLED, OR  
27 HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH.

28 D) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO PRINT OR CAUSE TO BE PRINTED  
29 ON ANY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION OR CABLE TELEVISION  
30 PROGRAM, PUBLICITY MATERIAL OR ADVERTISEMENT A LABEL  
31 OR NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SAME HAS BEEN

- 1 OFFICIALLY CLASSIFIED BY THE BOARD WHEN IN FACT IT HAS  
2 NOT BEEN SO CLASSIFIED.
- 3 E) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO  
4 DECEIVE THE PUBLIC BY EXHIBITING A MOTION PICTURE  
5 OTHER THAN THE ONE ADVERTISED AS SHOWING EVEN IF THE  
6 FILM SHOWN HAS A VALID PERMIT.
- 7 F) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO  
8 EXHIBIT OR CAUSE THE EXHIBITION IN MOVIE THEATERS,  
9 CINEMAS OR SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS OF ANY MOTION  
10 PICTURE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN SHOWN, WITHOUT THE  
11 WORD "RE-ISSUE" CLEARLY AND BOLDLY STAMPED IN THE  
12 PUBLICITY MATERIALS OF THE SAID MOTION PICTURE.
- 13 G) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO  
14 DISTRIBUTE, EXHIBIT OR SHOW OR CAUSE THE DISTRIBUTION,  
15 EXHIBITION OR SHOWING OF ANY MOTION PICTURE,  
16 TELEVISION PROGRAM, PUBLIC MATERIAL AND  
17 ADVERTISEMENT THAT HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED FOR PUBLIC  
18 EXHIBITION BY THE BOARD.
- 19 H) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY  
20 TO EXHIBIT OR CAUSE THE EXHIBITION OF ANY MOTION  
21 PICTURE, TELEVISION OR CABLE TELEVISION PROGRAM,  
22 PUBLICITY MATERIAL OR ADVERTISEMENT BELOW THE  
23 AUDIENCE SUITABILITY AS INDICATED IN THE "PERMIT TO  
24 EXHIBIT."
- 25 I) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON BELOW EIGHTEEN  
26 (18) YEARS OLD TO ENTER, MISREPRESENT OR MAKE USE OF  
27 ANY FALSE EVIDENCE ABOUT HIS/HER AGE IN ORDER TO GAIN  
28 ADMISSION INTO A MOVIE THEATER OR SIMILAR  
29 ESTABLISHMENT SHOWING A MOTION PICTURE CLASSIFIED BY  
30 THE BOARD AS "R" OR "STRICTLY FOR ADULTS."

1 J) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO MISREPRESENT  
2 OR MAKE USE OF ANY FALSE EVIDENCE ABOUT THE AGE OF A  
3 MINOR IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION INTO A MOVIE THEATER  
4 OR SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENT SHOWING A MOTION PICTURE  
5 CLASSIFIED BY THE BOARD AS NOT SUITED TO THE MINOR'S  
6 AGE.

7 K) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY MOVIE THEATER, CINEMA OR  
8 SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENT TO ALLOW THE ADMISSION OF ANY  
9 PERSON BELOW THE AGE QUALIFICATION REQUIRED BY THE  
10 FILM'S CLASSIFICATION AS INDICATED IN THE "PERMIT TO  
11 EXHIBIT." IN CASE OF DOUBT AS TO THE AGE OF THE PERSON  
12 SEEKING ADMISSION, THE LATTER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO  
13 PRESENT HIS OR HER RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE OR OTHER  
14 PROOF OF AGE. IT SHALL NOT BE A DEFENSE FOR THE PERSON  
15 ADMITTING THE MINOR THAT HE OR SHE DID NOT KNOW OR  
16 WAS NOT AWARE OF THE REAL AGE OF THE MINOR SEEKING  
17 ADMISSION TO THE MOVIE THEATER.

18 Sec. 8. – Section 8 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 "Sec. 8. Posting or Display of THEATRICAL PERMIT TO EXHIBIT or  
21 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. - The motion picture exhibitors shall  
22 post and/or display the THEATRICAL PERMIT TO EXHIBIT of approval of  
23 the motion picture by the BOARD, and shall post or display, or cause to  
24 be posted or displayed, the said THEATRICAL PERMIT TO EXHIBIT or  
25 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION at conspicuous places near the  
26 entrances to theaters or places of exhibition, and shall include in all their  
27 cinema advertisements announcements stating the classification RATING  
28 of the motion picture being exhibited or advertised.

29 Sec. 9. – Section 9 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
30 follows:

1           Sec. 9. EXEMPTIONS. – MOTION PICTURES, TELEVISION PROGRAMS,  
2           PUBLICITY MATERIALS, OR ADVERTISEMENTS PRODUCED, IMPRINTED  
3           OR EXHIBITED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND/OR ITS  
4           DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, AND NEWSREELS SHALL NOT BE  
5           UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. *PROVIDED*, HOWEVER,  
6           THAT NEWS BROADCASTS THAT TEND TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE  
7           SECURITY OF THE STATE OR COMPROMISE POLICE AND MILITARY  
8           OPERATIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
9           BOARD.

10          Section 11 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11          Sec. 10. – Section 11 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
12 follows:

13          "Sec. 11. – Penalty. - Any person who violates the provisions of this  
14 Decree and/or the implementing rules and regulations issued by the  
15 BOARD, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a mandatory penalty of  
16 three (3) months and one day to one (1) year imprisonment plus a fine  
17 of not less than fifty thousand pesos but not more than one hundred  
18 thousand pesos. The penalty shall apply whether the person shall have  
19 committed the violation either as principal, accomplice or accessory. If  
20 the offender is an alien, he shall be deported immediately. The license to  
21 operate the movie house, theater, or television station shall also be  
22 revoked. Should the offense be committed by a juridical person, the  
23 chairman, the president, secretary, treasurer, or the partner responsible  
24 therefore, shall be the persons penalized.

25                 The provisions of Presidential Decree No. 968 (Probation Law), as  
26 amended, shall not apply in cases of violations of this ACT.

27          Sec. 11. – Section 12 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows:

29          "SEC. 12. Banning of Motion Pictures and Television Programs. - In the  
30 event a motion picture or television program, after examination and  
31 review by the BOARD, is declared unfit for exhibition in the Philippines,



1 the said motion picture or television program shall be returned by the  
2 importer or distributor thereof to the country of origin or to any other  
3 place outside of the Philippines within a period of thirty (30) days, which  
4 shall be counted from the date of receipt by the importer or distributor  
5 of the decision of the BOARD banning the motion picture or television  
6 program for exhibition in the Philippines.

7 Sec. 12. – Section 14 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 "SEC. 14. EXEMPTION FROM TAX, LEGAL PROCESS AND LIEN. -ALL  
10 LAWS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THE BOARD AND ALL  
11 ITS ASSETS AND PROPERTIES, ALL FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED  
12 AND ALL ACCRUALS THERETO AND INCOME OR INVESTMENT  
13 EARNINGS THEREFROM, AS WELL AS ALL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT,  
14 PAPERS OR DOCUMENTS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY TAX,  
15 ASSESSMENT, FEE, CHARGE, OR CUSTOMS OR IMPORT DUTY, AND  
16 SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ATTACHMENTS, GARNISHMENTS, LEVY OR  
17 SEIZURE BY OR UNDER ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE PROCESS  
18 WHATSOEVER. NO TAX MEASURE OF WHATEVER NATURE ENACTED  
19 SHALL APPLY TO THE BOARD, UNLESS IT EXPRESSLY REVOKES THE  
20 TAX EXEMPTION HEREIN GRANTED. ANY TAX ASSESSMENT AGAINST  
21 THE BOARD SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

22 Sec. 13. – Section 15 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 "Sec. 15. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD. – WITHIN ONE YEAR  
25 FROM EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE BOARD SHALL REORGANIZE ITS  
26 STAFFING PATTERN AND PERSONNEL AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR  
27 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION; *PROVIDED*, THAT  
28 SUCH REORGANIZATION SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER THAT  
29 WILL ENSURE THE LEAST DISRUPTION OF OPERATIONS. ALL  
30 PERSONNEL AFFECTED BY THE REORGANIZATION SHALL BE DEEMED



1 SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE, UNLESS REAPPOINTED TO  
2 APPROPRIATE POSITIONS IN THE BOARD.

3 INCUMBENT PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD SHALL CONTINUE TO  
4 HOLD OFFICE UNTIL APPROVAL OF THE NEW STAFFING PATTERN AND  
5 NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT.  
6 THE INCUMBENT PERSONNEL SHALL BE ABSORBED, RETAINED AND  
7 APPOINTED TO NEW POSITIONS IN THE BOARD TO WHICH THEY MAY  
8 QUALIFY UNDER THE NEW STAFFING PATTERN WITHOUT LOSS OF  
9 SENIORITY OR RANK OR DECREASE IN EMOLUMENTS. *PROVIDED,*  
10 THAT, THOSE WHO SHALL BE GIVEN NEW APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE  
11 ENTITLED TO ALL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS DUE THEM UNDER  
12 EXISTING LAWS. *PROVIDED, FURTHER,* THAT, ANY AFFECTED OFFICER  
13 OR EMPLOYEE NOT RE-APPOINTED, OR WHO REFUSES HIS RE-  
14 APPOINTMENT, OR WHO DESIRES TO BE SEPARATED AS A RESULT OF  
15 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE PAID IN LUMP SUM THE  
16 MONEY VALUE OF HIS ACCUMULATED VACATION AND SICK LEAVES  
17 AND SUCH SEPARATION BENEFITS COMPUTED AT ONE AND A HALF  
18 MONTH SALARY FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE. *PROVIDED, FINALLY,*  
19 THAT THOSE AFFECTED PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RENDERED SERVICE  
20 TO THE BOARD FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO  
21 SEPARATION PAY OF THREE (3) MONTHS SALARY FOR EVERY YEAR OF  
22 SERVICE AND ALL OTHER BENEFITS ACCRUING TO THEM UNDER  
23 EXISTING LAWS AT THE TIME OF THEIR SEPARATION.

24 Sec. 14. – Section 18 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 "Sec. 18. Commission on Audit. - The ChairPERSON of the Commission  
27 on Audit (COA) shall be the *ex-officio* Auditor of the BOARD. For this  
28 purpose, he/SHE may appoint a representative who shall be the auditor  
29 of the BOARD, together with the necessary personnel to assist said  
30 representative in the performance of his/HER duties. The number and

1 salaries of the auditor and said personnel shall be determined by the  
2 ChairPERSON of the Commission on Audit.

3 The Auditor shall, as soon as practicable, but not later than three  
4 (3) months after the accounts have been submitted to audit, send an  
5 annual report to the BOARD. The Auditor shall also submit such periodic  
6 or special reports as the BOARD may deem necessary or proper.

7 Sec. 15. – Section 19 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 "Sec. 19. Annual Report. - The BOARD shall, within three (3) months  
10 after the end of every fiscal year, submit its annual report to the  
11 President OF THE PHILIPPINES. The annual report shall include, among  
12 others, a statement of the BOARD's accomplishments together with its  
13 plans and recommendations to improve and develop its operations and  
14 the supervision and regulation of the movie and television industry.

15 Sec. 16. – Section 20 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 "Sec. 20. SPECIAL REVOLVING FUND. - Notwithstanding any provision  
18 of law, rule or regulation, executive or administrative order to the  
19 contrary, there is hereby established a SPECIAL REVOLVING FUND, to  
20 be MAINTAINED and administered at all times by the BOARD AND  
21 WITHOUT NEED OF REMITTANCE TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY BUT  
22 SUBJECT TO EXISTING GOVERNMENT AUDITING RULES AND  
23 REGULATIONS, DERIVED FROM ANY AND all fees, charges, impositions  
24 and/or penalties levied, assessed, and collected by the BOARD which  
25 shall be at immediate disposal of the BOARD to be used for  
26 MAINTENANCE, operational administrative AND OTHER  
27 MISCELLANEOUS expenses of the BOARD and for the acquisition of  
28 necessary PROPERTIES, facilities, supplies and equipment.

29 Sec. 17. – Section 22 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
30 follows:

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1 "Sec. 22. Repealing Clause. - ALL laws, ORDINANCES, ruleS, and  
2 regulationS, decreeS, executive or administrative orderS, AND OTHER  
3 ISSUANCES OR PARTS THEREOF, WHICH ARE inconsistent with the  
4 provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 18. Section 23 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 SEC. 23. Separability Clause. - The provisions of this ACT are hereby  
8 deemed separable. If any provision HEREOF IS declared invalid or  
9 unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect  
10 the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

11 SEC. 19. Section 24 of P.D. No. 1986 is hereby amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 SEC. 24. Effectivity. - This ACT shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
14 AFTER ITS COMPLETE publication in the Official Gazette or in a  
15 newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.