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THEREFOR**

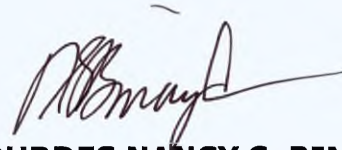
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The origins of academic regalia date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The academic regalia is an official clothing worn by university officials, faculty, graduates, and awardees during academic functions. It includes a distinguishing cap and a formal gown that signify traditions of academic achievement.

As enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the responsibility of the State to instill patriotism and nationalism among the youth. As such, wearing of the academic regalia with the use of neo-ethnic Philippine textiles, is just one way to showcase their heritage, love for country and preserve their culture. The use of neo-ethnic Philippine textiles in the academic regalia will create more job opportunities for the local communities that will ensure development and sustained production of the textiles.

This bill was first filed by Rep. Loren Legarda in the 18th Congress and seeks to encourage academic institutions to preserve Philippine culture and certain local traditions by wearing academic regalia that is based on Filipino ethnic and traditional design. It is also the purpose of this bill to use the resources available to us and help the communities that expertly produce neo-ethnic textiles.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

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*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 Academic
2 Regalia Act”.

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4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to instill patriotism
5 and nationalism among the youth whose academic preparation for adulthood and
6 responsible citizenship include values formation on love of country and pride in the
7 uniqueness of their cultural heritage. In this regard, opportunities for displaying
8 these values shall be encouraged by the school system not only as part of values
9 development, but to preserve Philippine culture and certain local traditions, and
10 create avenues, such as the wearing of academic regalia that is based on Filipino
11 ethnic and traditional design to promote the production of neo-ethnic Philippine
12 textiles, boost the national effort to develop culture-based industries, and in the
13 process create jobs in local communities.

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15 Pursuant thereto, the use of neo-ethnic Philippine textiles in the academic
16 regalia of all state universities and colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges
17 (LUCs) is therefore prescribed.

1 SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:
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- 3 (a) Academic regalia refers to the official garb worn by university officials,
4 faculty, graduates, and awardees during graduation, commencement
5 exercises, and other academic functions; and
- 6 (b) Neo-ethnic Philippine textiles refer to textiles made of or containing
7 natural or indigenous materials, sourced, and produced in the
8 Philippines using updated, relevant, and green, scientific, and
9 technological approaches and innovations, while integrating and
10 retaining traditional patterns, designs, icons, motifs, and approaches.

11 SEC. 4. *Creation of the Philippine Academic Regalia Council.* – There is hereby
12 created a Philippine Academic Regalia Council, hereinafter referred to as the
13 “Council”, which shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chairperson of the
14 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Director of the Philippine Textile
15 Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PTRI),
16 respectively. The Council shall have the following as members:

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- 18 (a) Representative from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts
19 (NCCA);
- 20 (b) Representative from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
21 (NCIP);
- 22 (c) Representative from the Philippine Association of State Universities
23 and Colleges (PASUC);
- 24 (d) Representative from the University of the Philippines (UP) System;
- 25 (e) Representative from the Association of Local Colleges and Universities
26 (ALCU); and
- 27 (f) Representative from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

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29 SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions of the Council.* – The Council shall have the
30 following specific powers and functions:

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- 32 (a) Formulate the National Academic Regalia Policy;
- 33 (b) Review, standardize, and adopt the academic regalia for graduates,
34 administrators, faculty, and awardees of SUCs and LUCs;
- 35 (c) Ensure sustainability, quality control, and availability of yarns, dyes,
36 and loom parts;

1 (d) Propose ways to incorporate neo-ethnic textiles in the academic
2 regalia;

3 (e) Prepare and publish a handbook containing information on the
4 academic regalia and its proper use, protection, trade, and
5 management; and

6 (f) Protect the intellectual property rights as regards design silhouettes,
7 textile pattern, color, and textile specification for the academic regalia.

8 SEC. 6. *Mandatory Coordination with the Council.* – Pursuant to the provisions
9 of this Act, all SUCs and LUCs shall be required to coordinate with the Council to
10 ensure that neo-ethnic Philippine textiles shall be prescribed in their academic
11 regalia, specifically in the hood, robe or gown worn by students in important
12 occasions, such as hooding ceremony or graduation from either a bachelor's,
13 master's or doctorate degree, as well as the faculty and other members of the
14 academic community, and may be incorporated in the headgear (mortarboard cap
15 or tam), mortarboard tassel, stole, and cord, among others.
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17 SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the
18 effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in consultation with the DOST-PTRI, NCCA, UP,
19 PASUC, ALCU, DTI and other relevant stakeholders, issue the rules and regulations
20 for the effective implementation of this Act.
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22 SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the effective
23 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
24 Act.
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26 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
27 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
28 affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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30 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations contrary to or
31 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.
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33 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
34 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,