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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on 18 OCT 2016

Re : **House Bill No. 2576**

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsors : Reps. Escudero and Rodriguez (M.)

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 2576 introduced by Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., entitled:

AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE RULES ON THE PROPER USE AND DISPLAY OF OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment, with Reps. Rodriguez (M.), Escudero, De Venecia, Alonte-Naguiat, Noel, Belmonte (J.C.), Savellano, Eriguel, Ortega (P.), Enverga, Bolilia, Vergara, Salo, Go (M.), Chavez, Cuaresma, Yu, Santos-Recto, Labadlabad and Go (A.C.) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

Chairperson

Committee on Basic Education and Culture

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FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 2576

(As approved by the Committee on 10 October 2016)

AMENDING THE FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by: REP. RODRIGUEZ (M.)

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)
Committee Chairperson: REP. ESCUDERO

OBJECTIVES:

- To clarify and update the intentions of R.A. 8491 in the light of contemporary changes in attitudes and idioms
- To prescribe standards in the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, its protocol and the display of the Philippine Flag
- To instill love of country and underscore the importance of complying with standard expressions of respect for our national symbols

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Prescribes the standard beat and tempo in the rendition of the Philippine National Anthem
- Identifies the holidays which require the display of the Philippine Flag in private buildings and residences
- Requires all government offices and educational institutions to observe the flag-raising ceremony every Monday morning and the flag lowering ceremony every Friday afternoon
- Requires the mandatory singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the proper observance of flag-raising ceremony
- Provides that the Philippine Flag shall be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning upon the announcement of the death of certain government officials and employees
- Provides for the manner of proper disposal of worn out flags
- Introduces the Oath of Patriotism (Pangatang Makabayan) in its original form as the official oath to be recited by students in educational institutions
- Prescribes prohibited acts and appropriate penalties for violations thereof
- Mandates the National Historical Commission of the Philippines to enforce the provisions of this Act

RELATED LAWS:

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution
- Republic Act No. 8491, or the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines
- Executive Order No. 292, Instituting the "Administrative Code of 1987"