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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 633

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on DEC 06 2020

Re : House Bill No. 8149

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7333.
Sponsors : Reps. Romulo and Fernando

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 7333, introduced by Rep. Bayani F. Fernando, entitled:

AN ACT
TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A NEW FILIPINO GESTURE OF GOODWILL, PRAISE AND RESPECT

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 8149, entitled:

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING A NEW FILIPINO GESTURE OF RESPECT, GOODWILL, AND PRAISE

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7333, with Reps. Fernando, Romulo, Escudero, Gonzales (A.), Vergara, Reyes, Acop, Cuaresma, Violago, Cari, Ouano-Dizon, Abueg-Zaldivar, Robes, Abunda, Tejada, Tutor, Dalog, Barba, Acosta-Alba, Go (M.), Bautista-Bandigan, Castelo, Tiangco, Mariano-Hernandez, Loyola, Bañas-Nogales, Umali (M.V.), Saulog, Bordado, Collantes, Bagatsing, Rodriguez, Chatto and Elago as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMAN T. ROMULO
Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8149
(In substitution of House Bill No. 7333)

Introduced by Representatives Fernando, Romulo, Escudero, Gonzales (A.), Vergara, Reyes, Acop, Cuaresma, Violago, Cari, Ouano-Dizon, Abucg-Zaldivar, Robes, Abunda, Tejada, Tutor, Dalog, Barba, Acosta-Alba, Go (M.), Bautista-Bandigan, Castelo, Tiangco, Mariano-Hernandez, Loyola, Bñañas-Nograles, Umali (M.V.), Saulog, Bordado, Collantes, Bagatsing, Rodriguez, Chatto and Elago

AN ACT

INSTITUTIONALIZING A NEW FILIPINO GESTURE OF RESPECT, GOODWILL, AND PRAISE

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Bating Filipino Para Sa Kalusugan Act.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to protect the health and promote the well-being of every Filipino. To this end, the State shall set standards of social contact such as a safe and proper gesture to express and convey respect, goodwill, or praise among persons.

SEC. 3. Coverage. – This Act shall cover Filipino citizens and all other persons who are in the Philippines.

SEC. 4. Way of Greetings. – A new and safe gesture of respect, goodwill, and praise shall be observed and performed through the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of one’s chest while simultaneously lowering the head, with eyes either closed or cast down.
SEC. 5. *Information Dissemination.* – All government agencies and instrumentalities shall allocate their respective resources for information dissemination and to encourage the practice of the new gesture.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Health shall, in consultation with the Department of Education, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Presidential Communications Operations Office, Philippine Information Agency, and other concerned stakeholders, formulate and issue the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department  

FACT SHEET  

House Bill No. 8149  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 7333)  

BATING FILIPINO PARA SA KALUSUGAN ACT  

Introduced by: REPS. FERNANDO, ROMULO, ESCUDERO, GONZALES (A.), VERGARA, REYES, ACOP, CUARESMA, VIOLAGO, CARI, OUANO-DIZON, ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, ROBES, ABUNDA, TEJADA, TUTOR, DALOG, BARBA, ACOSTA-ALBA, GO (M.), BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN, CASTELO, TIANGCO, MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, LOYOLA, BAÑAS-NOGRALES, UMALI (M.V.), SAULOG, BORDADO, COLLANTES, BAGATSING, RODRIGUEZ, CHATTO AND ELAGO  

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)  
Committee Chairperson: REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO  

OBJECTIVE:  

• To instill health consciousness through the promotion of a better alternative to the traditional gesture of handshake and thus protect the health and well-being of the Filipino people  

KEY PROVISIONS:  

• Promotes a new and safe gesture of respect, goodwill, and praise to be observed and performed through the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of one’s chest while simultaneously lowering the head, with eyes either closed or cast down  

• Covers Filipino citizens and all other persons who are in the country  

• Mandates government agencies and instrumentalities to allocate their respective resources for information dissemination and to encourage the practice of the new gesture  

• Mandates the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Education, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Presidential Communications Operations Office, Philippine Information Agency, and other concerned stakeholders, to formulate and issue the rules and regulations implementing this Act  

RELATED LAW:  

• The 1987 Philippine Constitution