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EXPLANATORY NOTE

While city and municipal mayors are, under the law, granted the authority to solemnize marriages, provincial governors—who exercise similar functions as local chief executives—unjustifiably have been denied a similar authority.

And yet, as provincial governors invariably experience, their constituents continue to expect them to render this service, mistakenly thinking that the law authorizes them to do so.

Granting provincial governors the authority to solemnize marriages would give constituents greater access to an essential service which is the foundation of the family, society's basic unit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Garcia".

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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS TO SOLEMNIZE
MARRIAGES WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS**

Section 1. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, provincial governors, within their territorial jurisdictions, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriages in accordance with law.

Section 2. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,