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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:

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

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

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

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12 **SEC. 4. *Way of Greetings.*** – A new and safe gesture of respect, goodwill, and praise
13 shall be observed and performed through the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the
14 right hand over the center of one’s chest while simultaneously lowering the head, with eyes
15 either closed or cast down.

1 **SEC. 5. *Information Dissemination.*** – All government agencies and instrumentalities
2 shall allocate their respective resources for information dissemination and to encourage the
3 practice of the new gesture.

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

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12 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended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

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

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18 *Approved,*