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AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. Hazing as used in this Act is an initiation rite or
2 practice as a prerequisite for admission into membership in a
3 fraternity, sorority or organization by placing the neophyte or
4 applicant in some embarrassing or humiliating situations such as
5 forcing him to do menial, silly, foolish and similar tasks or activities.

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1 SEC. 2. No hazing or initiation rites in any form or manner by
 2 a fraternity, sorority or organization shall be allowed without prior
 3 written notice to the school authorities seven (7) days before the
 4 conduct of such initiation. The written notice shall indicate the
 5 period of the initiation activities which shall not exceed three (3)
 6 days, shall include the names of those to be subjected to such
 7 activities, and shall further contain an undertaking that no physical
 8 violence be employed by anybody during such initiation rites.

9 SEC. 3. The school head or his representative must assign at
 10 least two (2) faculty members or school representatives, as the case
 11 may be, to be present during the initiation. It is the duty of the
 12 faculty members or representatives to see to it that no physical
 13 harm of any kind shall be inflicted to a neophyte.

14 SEC. 4. If the person subjected to hazing or other forms of
 15 initiation rites suffers any physical injury or dies as a result thereof,
 16 the officers and members of the fraternity, sorority or organization
 17 who actually participated in the infliction of physical harm shall be
 18 liable as principals and shall suffer the penalty for the crime
 19 committed as provided in the Revised Penal Code and other penal
 20 laws which shall be imposed in its maximum period. The
 21 faculty members or school representatives present during said

1 . initiation and who did nothing to prevent the infliction of the
2 physical harm shall also be liable as accomplices.

3 SEC. 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid
4 or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall
5 remain valid and effective.

6 SEC. 6. All laws, orders, rules or regulations which are
7 inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 amended or repealed accordingly.

9 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
11 circulation.

Approved,