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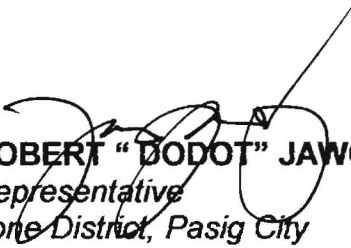
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Family Code of the Philippines* (Executive Order 209, as amended) is considered one of the most significant measures promulgated during the Aquino Administration. It took effect on August 3, 1988 and effectuates the reforms and changes to the Civil Code provisions on Family Relations consistent with Filipino values, customs and traditions *vis-à-vis* recent developments in the socio-cultural scene.

Marriage and family relations are vital to the nation's survival. Thus, for Filipino families to succeed, there is an utmost necessity to provide our countrymen with information concerning their marital rights and obligations. The increase in reported cases of spousal abuse, marital infidelity, legal separation, and annulment of marriage is quite alarming. Both spouses must therefore be cognizant of the important provisions of the Family Code to enable them to enforce and protect their rights under the law. A massive dissemination campaign must be undertaken with the end view of making Filipinos aware not only of their rights but also of their obligations under the Code.

We must initiate reforms in our present educational curriculum to make our educational system responsive to the needs of our society. Hence, this bill seeks to include the study of the Family Code in the curriculum of the tertiary or collegiate level of all private and public educational institutions. It is hoped that this measure will be a potent tool in instilling upon students the sanctity of marriage in order to preserve close family ties and, in case of legal separation or annulment of marriage, to allow them to exercise their respective rights and obligations.

In view of all the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
TO INCLUDE THE STUDY OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (E.O. 209, AS AMENDED) IN THE CURRICULUM OF TERTIARY OR COLLEGIATE LEVEL OF ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Inclusion of Family Code in the Curriculum.* - The study of the Family Code of the Philippines (E.O. 209, as amended) is hereby included in the curriculum of tertiary or collegiate level of all private and public educational institutions.

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Department of Education and Culture shall issue and publish the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Penalties for Violation.* - Any violation or circumvention of the provisions of this Act shall be sanctioned under the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Education and Culture

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations, and other issuances or any part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in Filipino and English in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,