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Introduced by Honorable Julieta R. Cortuna

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Teachers and/or other individuals who have served the nation for at least twenty five years in public service deserved an appropriate recognition for dedicating a significant number of years in their life as public servant.

Aside from the monetary benefits that the state could award as a recognition of long dedicated public service, there shall also be a visible gesture of gratitude for such service. One way of according a visible gesture of gratitude for long public service is to allow the covering of the flag in a dedicated public servant's coffin during his/her funeral.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the policy of the State to honor citizens like teachers who have dedicated more than twenty five (25) years of their lives to good public service by allowing the Philippine Flag to be covered in their caskets during wake and burial ceremonies.

SECTION 2. *Amendment of Flag and Heraldic Code.* Section 24 of Republic Act No. 8491 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 24. The flag may be used to cover the caskets of the honored dead of the military, veterans of previous wars, national artists, and of civilians/TEACHERS who have rendered AT LEAST TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS OF service to the nation, as maybe determined by the local government unit OR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY concerned. In such cases, the flag shall be placed such that the white triangle shall be at the head and the blue portion shall cover the right side of the caskets. The flag shall not be lowered to the grave or allowed to touch the ground, but shall be folded solemnly and handed over to the heirs of the deceased."

SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,