



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7301

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENDOZA, CAOAGDAN, DY (F.), MARCOS, TUAN, MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND EMANO

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL EVERY YEAR AS THE
“PHILIPPINE VETERANS’ MONTH”

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Veterans’ Month”.

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3 **SEC. 2.** In recognition of the heroism, sacrifices, and commitment to service by the
4 Philippine Veterans to the country and the Filipino people, the month of April of every year is
5 hereby declared as the “Philippine Veterans’ Month”.

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7 **SEC. 3.** The Philippine Veterans’ Month aims to:

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9 (a) Strengthen the commitment to honor and memorialize the Filipino veterans for their
10 services and sacrifices in fighting for peace, freedom, and security of the country
11 and the Filipino people. The month-long commemoration will provide adequate
12 time to remember the heroism and valor of veterans, and intensify patriotism among
13 Filipinos through more creative and impactful activities.

- 1 (b) Create a platform that amplifies veteran's voices, preserves their stories, and
2 inspires future generations by deepening youth understanding of Philippine history;
3 especially the significant roles Filipino veterans played in conflicts, disasters, and
4 wars - from fighting for the freedom of the country to helping ordinary citizens.
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- 6 (c) Highlight the plight of Filipino veterans with emphasis on promoting their well-
7 being as well as that of their families, and to ensure the quality of and access to the
8 benefits that they are entitled to receive.
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- 10 (d) Institutionalize the annual celebration through programs and activities pursuant to
11 the observance of the "Philippine Veterans' Month".
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13 **SEC. 4.** Government, non-governmental organizations, local government units, and other
14 stakeholders are to conduct activities and programs for the commemoration and benefit of the
15 Filipino veterans and their families across the country, such as:
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- 17 (a) Production of publicly accessible media content on the individual experiences and
18 stories of Filipino veterans;
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- 20 (b) Integration of stories about the services and sacrifices of Filipino veterans as part of
21 the Philippine history subjects in schools nationwide;
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- 23 (c) Creation of a platform that will connect and allow interested Filipinos to contribute
24 and participate in volunteer programs that provide accessible and quality services for
25 the Filipino veterans; and
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- 27 (d) Pursuit of policies, programs, and projects that, through collaboration with various
28 stakeholders, ensure the adequate provision of and improve the access to quality
29 services, especially for those in far-flung communities and conflict areas.
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31 **SEC. 5.** The Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), the Department of National
32 Defense (DND), in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government

1 (DILG), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education (DepEd), and other
2 relevant government agencies, are mandated to conduct and enhance activities and programs that
3 promote the celebration of our Filipino veterans, their patriotic sacrifices, and the essential role in
4 protecting the country and the Filipino people towards raising awareness and fostering love for the
5 country among the Filipinos, especially the youth.

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7 **SEC. 6.** Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the PVAO, DND, DILG,
8 DOH, and DepEd shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions
9 of this Act. Such IRR shall take effect immediately thereafter.

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11 **SEC. 7.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions
12 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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14 **SEC. 8.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules
15 and regulations, or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
16 modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
19 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,