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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3970**

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Introduced by: **HON. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL VALUES, ETIQUETT, AND  
MORAL UPRIGHTNESS PROGRAM**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

In the past, good manners and courteousness are prominent values of every Filipino youth. At an early age, they learn to show respect to others especially to their elders, they were taught courtesy, decency, propriety, honesty they had self-discipline to uphold these values.

But these moral values and self-discipline are slowly diminishing over the years, as the younger generation are being influenced by different factors such as permissive society; peer pressure; advancement in technology; inappropriate TV shows and multimedia platforms. Hence, majority of the youth today shows lack of morals and bad manners towards their elders.

This situation is not to be taken lightly as the younger generation is the future of our nation.

Thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

**SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “National Values, Etiquette, and Moral Uprightness Act.”

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policies.** - the constitution states that imploring the aid of Almighty God, in order to build a just and humane society, and establish a Government, it shall embody our deals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony, and secure to ourselves and our posterity, the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace.

**SECTION 3. Definitions of Terms** – for purpose of this Act, the following terms are defined:

- (a) “National Values” – set of ideals and principles shared by the members of the community;
- (b) “Etiquette” – customary code of behavior to be observed in a society; and
- (c) “Moral Uprightness” – conduct that conforms to an accepted standard of right and wrong.

**SECTION 4. Establishment of the Commission on Filipino Values.** The Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) as Chairperson, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), a representative from both houses of Congress, together with representatives from major religious groups in the country shall conduct a nationwide consultation, and through consensus craft a Program on National Values, Etiquette and Moral Uprightness.

The Commission shall draft a roadmap for the implementation of the Program, which shall be submitted to the President for his approval. The Commission shall likewise implement the approved Program.

The Commission shall continue to meet every here (3) years, or as the need arises, and shall conduct an evaluation accomplishments and impact of this Act, as well as the performance, for purposes of updating as needed.



**SECTION 5. Institutionalizing of National Values, Etiquette, and Moral Uprightness in Educational Institutions.** To carry out the above-declared policy, teaching of the national program on Values including but not limited to patriotism, national pride and identity, Etiquette, and moral Uprightness shall be institutionalized as part of the curriculum in all levels in Kindergarten, Elementary, Secondary, Technical-Vocational, and College institutions in the country.

**SECTION 6. Implementation in Workplaces.** It is hereby mandated that all private entities, through its Human Resources Department (HRD) or its equivalent, shall include modules of the same subject in its employee orientation or training programs. Seminars may also be held in this regard depending on what the respective HRD deems appropriate.

**SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the Act or the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there to are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 14. Effectivity.** — this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (20) newspaper in general circulation.

Approved,

