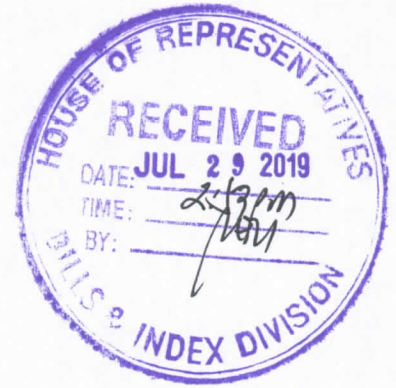


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The family is the basic unit of society. No less than the Almighty God established it from the very beginning. The government should institute every measure to safeguard the sanctity of family life and work vigorously against its dissolution. When the families are strong, society is strong. Conversely, when they are weak, society begins to break down.

Hence, no trial, trouble or tribulation should undermine the family. Their foundation should be the kind that withstands all kinds of hardship and adversity. And the government should establish all kinds of intervention in order to uphold the sacredness and inviolability of the family.

Henceforth, couples should work together and exhaust all remedies to keep their marriage. Children should exercise at all times unconditional love and respect for their parents. The family should enjoy each other's company and spend a lot of time doing things together. This promotes a good family life.

In order to achieve this, there should be, among others, established in the community periodic family forums/dialogues and/or counselling to prevent the breakdown of the family and nurture a healthy and harmonious family life.

The immediate passage of this timely measure is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**UPHOLDING THE SANCTITY OF FAMILY LIFE**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Sanctity of Family Life Act."

SEC. 2. The government shall hereby establish all manners of intervention with the end in view of safeguarding the sacredness and inviolability of the family.

SEC. 3. The government shall henceforth institute measures including but not limited to the following:

- a. Periodic family forums/dialogues and/or counselling
- b. Family-oriented activities promoting healthy relationships
- c. Reasonable financial aid to support such activities

SEC. 4. To fully implement the provisions of this Act, the proper agency shall issue rules, regulations, guidelines necessary to operationalize the intent and purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*