



**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

<b>320</b>	<b>Draft Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2022</b> , entitled, "AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE SINGING OF THE BATAAN HYMM IN ALL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, GATHERINGS AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF."
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This proposed ordinance was discussed by this Committee during its meeting, wherein comments and suggestions were made. Given this, a second draft was finalized in which private educational institutions are now among those "mandated", instead of merely "encouraged", as was provided in the draft originally filed. A copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft is herewith

In addition, letters soliciting comments on the proposed ordinance were sent to relevant agencies, offices and organizations. No negative comments were received, and in fact, according to the Bataan Division Office of the DepEd, the singing of the Bataan Hymn is already being practiced in several schools in the province.

The Committee was unanimous in finding that this 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the proposed ordinance is noble and will achieve the intended ends. Given the foregoing, it is recommending the adoption of the proposed ordinance as revised.

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Series of 2022**

**ORDINANCE MANDATING THE SINGING OF THE BATAAN HYMN  
IN ALL PROGRAMS, GATHERINGS AND SIMILAR EVENTS  
OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,  
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICES,  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN,  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, as provided in the Constitution, the State shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism among its people, and shall conserve, promote, and popularize history and cultural heritage;

**WHEREAS**, the Bataan Hymn serves this purpose and represents the tradition, history, and beliefs of the province and its people;

**WHEREAS**, the singing of the Bataan Hymn helps evoke feelings of patriotism and love for the province, and reminds Bataños of the glory and rich heritage of Bataan;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in Regular Session Assembled:

**Section 1. Short Title** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Bataan Hymn Ordinance”.

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy** – It is the policy of the Provincial Government to nurture and inculcate patriotism and love for the province among the people of the Province of Bataan.

**Section 3. The Bataan Hymn** – Pursuant to Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ordinance No. 39-1 approved on 04 October 1999, “Bataan Mutyang Lalawigan” was designated as the official hymn of the Province of Bataan (hereinafter referred to as the “Bataan Hymn”. The same is as follows:

*BATAAN MUTYANG LALAWIGAN*

*Bataan, mutyang lalawigan  
Handog ng Maykapal  
Dakilang lupain na makasaysayan  
Bataan langit sa piling mo  
Ang kami'y mabuhay  
Kasama ng aming mga kababayan  
Sadyang pinagpala ng Poong may lalang  
Ang dagat nya't lupa sagana sa yaman  
Di ka malilimot kahit na nasaan  
Na lagi kang mahal at ikararantal*

*Bataan taos naming hangad  
Ang 'yong kaunlaran,  
Tapat na layunin  
Ika'y paglingkuran  
Talino at buhay aming iaalay  
Ng dahil sa iyo mutyang lalawigan  
Dasal nami't hiling sa Dyos na Maykapal  
Magpakailan pa man ika'y patnubayan  
Sa puso at diwa di ka mawawalay*

*Laging mamahalin habang nabubuhay*

*(Repeat the 2nd stanza)*

*Coda:*

*Bataan... Bataan... Bataan...*

**Section 4. Mandatory Singing of the Bataan Hymn** – The singing of the Bataan Hymn shall be mandatory in all programs, gatherings and similar events of public and private educational institutions, national government agencies and offices, and local government units within the Province of Bataan. The same can be undertaken acapella or accompanied by music, or as an audio-video presentation.

**Section 5. Penalty Clause** – A violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense	7 day imprisonment and/or PhP2,000.00 fine, at the discretion of the Court
Second Offense	15 day imprisonment and/or PhP3,000.00 fine, at the discretion of the Court
Third and Succeeding Offenses	30 day imprisonment and/or PhP5,000.00 the discretion of the Court.

**Section 6. Condition for Accreditation** – The singing of the Bataan Hymn in programs, gatherings and events of people’s organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other similar aggrupations shall be imposed as a condition for their accreditation by the Provincial Government of Bataan, for purposes of selection of representatives for Local Special Bodies.

**Section 7. Voluntary Singing of the Bataan Hymn** - The singing of the Bataan Hymn is likewise encouraged in programs, gatherings and events of people’s organizations, non-governmental organizations, socio-civic organizations and other similar associations.

**Section 7. Implementing Office** – The Culture and Heritage Preservation Division of the Provincial Government of Bataan shall be primarily responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance. As such, it shall submit a semi-annual report to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan as to the status of its implementation and other matters relevant to the same.

**Section 7. Repealing Clause** – All ordinances, executive orders inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 8. Separability Clause** - If for any reason or reasons any provision of this Ordinance be declared illegal by a competent court, other provisions which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 9. Effectivity Clause** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon compliance with the requirements of the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7160