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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Belief in the potential of every child- this is the rationale of this proposal mandating the establishment of municipal libraries.

This bill aims to give as many children as possible the chance to develop their potential. It would be a pity if the talent in a child which would flower if tended should be left to wither because the child has no access to informative reading materials. This bill hopes to see all children grow to the apex of their capabilities.

One of the tenets of the establishment of municipal libraries is that students develop and maintain steady and regular reading habits. This system encourages parents to help their children establish a set time period everyday for their reading.

The mission of the establishment of municipal libraries is to expand the potential of every child to the limit and through this, dedication to education, contribute to national development and the progress of mankind.

Thus, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES IN ALL
MUNICIPALITY NATIONWIDE

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of Municipal Libraries. - There shall be established a municipal library in each municipality throughout the country.

SEC. 2. *Implementing Agencies.* - The Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, through the Local School Board, shall be the main agencies in charge of the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. *The Library Building and Personnel.* - (a) The municipality concerned shall purchase a piece of land or renovate a building situated in the municipality where the library will be constructed: Provided, that the piece of land or building shall be procured from the available properties of the municipality concerned. Provided, further, that, if there is no available property, the municipality concerned shall enjoin the private sector in granting a piece of land for the purpose through Sangguniang Bayan resolutions and subject to the payment of just compensation. (b) Each municipal library shall have at least 3 personnel, one (1) head librarian and two (2) assistant librarians.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - (a) To carry out the provisions of this Act, the amount of one billion and five hundred million pesos (P1,500,000,000.00) shall be appropriated from the funds of the national treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, such sum

as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this program shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act as part of the budget of the Department of Interior and Local Government through the Local School Board.

(b) The amount of nine hundred fifty thousand pesos (P950,000.00) shall be allocated for each municipality to cover the following:

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Construction/Renovation of Building	P 150,000.00
Reading devices; books, encyclopedia, periodicals	450,000.00
Salary of Personnel	150,000.00
Semi-permanent Structures; shelves, chairs, tables	50,000.00
Appliances; electric fans, typewriters, computers	
Photocopy machine	<u>150,000.00</u>
	P 950,000.00

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended and repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication

Approved,