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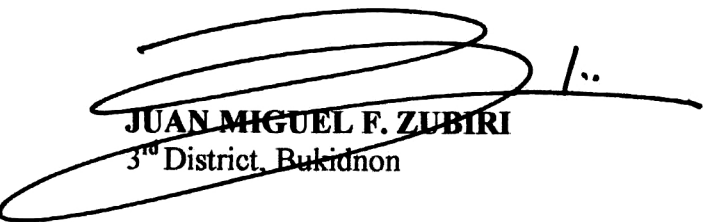
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article II of the New Constitution provides for the promotion of environmental consciousness among the people. While the government and some non-government organizations never fail to promote environmental awareness through television, radio and print campaigns, instructional, educational, information materials, etc., oftentimes environmental protection and dealing with ecological imbalances is not discussed. It is believed that the best way to teach environmental protection must start from school.

Though most schools already teach environmental awareness among its students, incorporated in its Science and GMRC subjects, a subject that will primarily deal with all the aspects of environment is still needed. These will equip the people on ways to deal with environmental problems and imbalances.

A subject on ecology and environmental awareness will make our education complete, adequate and integrated relevant to the needs of the people and the society as provided in Section 2, par. 1 of Article XIV of our Constitution. In effect, a *priori*, educants will become more ecologically aware and vigilant, understand the dynamic relationships which support and maintain the biosystem, demonstrate practical solutions to the intricacies of the environmental imbalance the Philippines is facing with. Such ecological subject will surely re-orient our sense of education and progress that the achievement of common vision for national progress depends primordially on holistic and liberal education.

Approval of this bill is requested.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE TEACHING OF ECOLOGY IN ALL ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY LEVELS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, ALL THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The teaching of ecology as a separate subject is hereby included as one of the possible subjects in all elementary and secondary levels, either public or private, of the Philippines. The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports shall issue the necessary reading materials, booklets and pamphlets dealing with the fundamentals of ecology in relation to the pressing environmental issues in the Philippines.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations allotted for the Department of Education, Culture and Sports under the General Appropriations Act of the current fiscal year 2004. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.