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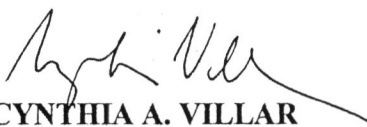
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The English language has been universally accepted and used as the medium of communication in our country. In fact, the people in the provinces could better communicate and understand English than the Filipino language, which is predominantly *Tagalog* language.

However, despite the mentioned circumstances, the government-sponsored examinations, which include the national aptitude tests for the elementary student as well as the high school students, the civil service examination for aspiring government employees and the licensure examinations for teachers, contain questions in the *Tagalog* language. For this reason, the students and examinees who study in the non-*Tagalog* speaking provinces, are placed at a disadvantageous position because of their deficiency in the *Tagalog* language.

Thus, in order to level the playing field of the *Tagalog* speaking and non-*Tagalog* speaking students and examinees taking government-sponsored aptitude tests and examinations, it is hereby proposed that the English language be the sole language used in the questionnaires of these tests and examinations.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING TO USE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS THE MEDIUM OF
COMMUNICATION IN ALL GOVERNMENT- SPONSORED EXAMINATIONS**

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

SECTION 1. The English language shall be used as the medium of communication in all government-sponsored examinations, with the exception of the licensure examination for professional teachers which include Filipino subject within its scope.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Commission on Higher Education, the Professional Regulations Commission and the Civil Service Commission shall issue the implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days from approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,