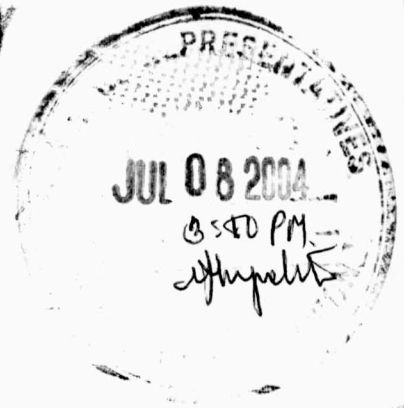


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THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

HOUSE BILL NO. **1285**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In many countries where there are large Filipino communities, Filipino children have become total strangers as well as the Philippine history and culture. Most of them, especially those born in foreign countries cannot speak a single Filipino word and have very scanty knowledge about their parents' native country. These children, while they are Filipino, know nothing about Filipino culture and history and totally lose interest in them.

It is important to install Filipinism and national pride to Filipino overseas, particularly the children. The love of country and pride in their race should always be imbued in their minds.

This bill, therefore, seeks to require all Philippine Embassies and Consulates to offer weekend classes to educate Filipino children in other countries on Philippine history, language, culture and civics. And to encourage the Filipinos to send their children to these classes, the same shall be offered for free.

Approval of the bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING PHILIPPINE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES TO CONDUCT
CLASSES FOR CHILDREN OF FILIPINOS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, TO
EDUCATE THEM ON PHILIPPINE HISTORY, CULTURE, LANGUAGES AND
CIVICS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. All Philippine embassies and Consulates, particularly in countries where there are many Filipino expatriates, are hereby required to conduct special classes, free of charge, during Saturdays for the children of Filipino parentage, to educate them on Philippine history, languages, culture and civics.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education shall prepare a curriculum and together with the Department of Foreign Affairs, conduct trainings of teachers for such classes.

SEC. 3. The Department of Foreign Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Foreign affairs under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continuous implementation of the Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations are parts thereof which are inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed or amended, accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon approval of this Act.

Approved,