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House Bill No. **1441**

Introduced by: HON. HUSSIN U. AMIN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For some time now, some areas in the country have become centers of violence.

Consequently, the seeming state of lawlessness in these areas has produced casualties not only from the ranks of the alleged bandits and military men but more from the people – the civilians.

Undoubtedly, the situation has affected the general well being of teachers who run the risk of losing their very lives should they become victims of violence themselves, or become targets of kidnapping, or should they be caught in the crossfire.

The high risk involved in these areas has aggravated the problem of lack of teachers as more and more number of them has understandably shied away from such areas. Indeed, if the Government will not properly address the situation, education of our youth will be most seriously affected.

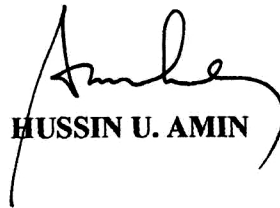
It is thus incumbent upon the Government not only to restore order but also to ensure that the well being of our teachers appropriately secured and their courage and dedication properly recognized and compensated.

Giving special privilege to those who display courage at the risk of endangering their life in giving education to our children in dangerous zones is just but one step to address the well being of these teachers.

It maybe said that this act is limited in that it does not seek to remedy the root cause of the problem in the areas considered as high risk, however, the passage of such act may lift some morale of the men and women who have shown courage and commitment to the people they swore to serve.

This act serves as incentive to those courageous non-licensed teachers in recognition to their courage and dedication.

The passage of this bill is urgently requested.



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AN ACT
GRANTING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE
RENDERED AT LEAST TWO YEARS (2) OF EFFICIENT SERVICE IN
HIGH RISK AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the Philippines assembled that:

Section 1. This act shall be known as “**Special Professional License Privilege for Teachers in High Risk Areas**”.

Section 2. High Risk Area – defined. For the purpose of this act, high-risk areas are those places in the Philippines where terrorism, kidnappings and insurrection are commonplace.

This also pertains to places commonly identified by authorities as sanctuary of rebel forces or places where military operations are taking place.

Flood prone areas may also be considered as high-risk area. Other places similarly situated as may be determined by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC), after consultation with the Arm Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), where the life and limb of a teacher is highly at risk or endangered.

Section 3. All non-licensed teachers, as of the approval of this act and henceforth, who shall have rendered a total of at least two (2) years of efficient service in high risk areas may be granted professional license.

Provided, that such teachers granted special privilege under this act, shall continue serving such area for a period of two (2) years and cannot be reassigned to any other place. Provided further, that should there be indefinite suspension or

stoppage of classes in their assigned areas as ordered by the Department of Education (DepEd), said suspension or stoppage shall not be taken against the teacher concerned.

Section 4. The PRC, in consultation with the DepEd and/or the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) whenever appropriate, shall formulate guidelines and standards to determine who are qualified to avail of the special privilege granted in this act and shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act consistent with the merit and fitness principle within ninety (90) days after its effectivity.

Section 5. All laws, decrees and executive orders inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date ~~of its~~ publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.