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HOUSE BILL NO. 1647

Introduced by the Honorable Edmundo O. Reyes, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

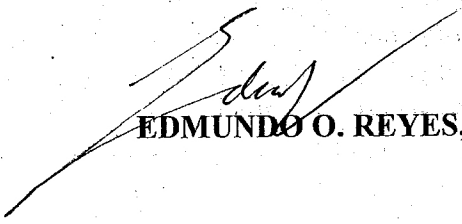
As a prelude, it is important to note that this bill is a reproduction of House Bill 6387, which was already approved by the Education Committee in the Senate and its Committee Report was pending for signature by the members of the said Committee during the 12th Congress.

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. It likewise mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

This bill proposes to establish the Masaguisi National High School in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Marinduque in keeping with the government's major educational thrust at improving the accessibility of basic education to the masses of our people. Accessibility in basic education can be largely attained through the establishment of schools in far-flung areas making it possible for the rural youth to avail of the free secondary educational program of the government.

The Municipality of Sta. Cruz is the biggest municipality in the Province, both in area and population. Due to the large student population, there is a need to establish the Masaguisi National High School which will accommodate these students who need to avail of the government's free secondary education program that will transform them to be productive and effective citizens of their community.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
MASAGUISI, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE TO
BE KNOWN AS THE MASAGUISI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a national high school in Barangay Masaguisi, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Marinduque to be known as the Masaguisi National High School.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of Education under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.