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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1690

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Introduced by: **HONORABLE MARCELINO C. LIBANAN**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert Hilabaan Provincial High School in the Municipality of Dolores, Province of Eastern Samar into a national high school to be known as the Hilabaan National High School. This is in line with the objective of the State to provide for equal opportunities to all filipino children for high school education regardless of birth or economic status.

The Hilabaan Provincial High School, is in dire need of administrative, managerial, technical and financial support from the local and national government in order to viably continue its operations and effectively take on the overwhelming task of educating a great number of young adults in the locality. Upgrading the status of the said provincial High School will enable it to improve its physical and laboratory facilities and hire competent teachers who will be paid higher salaries thus, increase the chances of a majority of young and talented youth, in the municipality of Dolores and nearby municipalities, to obtain a secondary education.

Given that it is a policy of the State to provide, a free public secondary education to all qualified citizens and to promote quality education for all as declared by Republic Act No. 6655, otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Law," the conversion and improvement of the Hilabaan Provincial High School into a national high school is a most welcome development for the people of Dolores, and the adjacent municipalities in Eastern Samar.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the early approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.

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**AN ACT**
**CONVERTING THE HILABAAN PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOLORES, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Hilabaan Provincial High School in the Municipality of Dolores, Province of Eastern Samar is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Hilabaan National High School.

SECTION 2. The national high school shall offer general secondary education proper. It shall also offer techno-vocational courses and offer relevant courses to cultivate technical and vocational skills for the youth.

SECTION 3. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Hilabaan Provincial High School shall be transferred to and absorbed by the Hilabaan Provincial High School.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective conversion and operation of the school.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.