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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 2253



Introduced by: HON. SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Ayangan National High School located in Barangay ponghal, Municipality of Lagawe, Province of Ifugao into Ayangan National Agricultural and Vocational High School offering agricultural/agronomy, vocational and such other related subjects in consonance with the thrust and/or policy of the Macapagal Administration of poverty eradication in terms of livelihood and job creation in the field of agriculture and agri-business.

The general purpose of this bill is to take into the mind of the youth that agricultural production is the main component of the nation's economy. As an agricultural State, research and information on the latest technology in agricultural production can be achieved through education, and at the very first level where career consciousness is foremost at the minds of the youth. In particular however, the opening of the ayangan national agricultural and vocational high school would certainly promote the maximum utilization of open private and communal lands, either ancestral land and ancestral domain, into a possible demonstration sites for upland agricultural production and promotion of agro-forestry thus providing students, especially those who could not afford tertiary education, with alternative employment and livelihood.

The conversion of the same with emphasis on specializing in upland farming technology would enhance the "muyung system" being practiced by the Ifugao people since time immemorial of preserving forest resources. Therefore, it provides students appropriate, applicable and sustainable upland farming skills suitable in the locality and also encourages interested parents, out-of-school-youth and the community people to enroll in the school thus catering the basic needs of the populace and maintaining more than the minimum requirement of enrollees of the school.

In essence, this bill once enacted into law would give a brief background on the importance of agricultural production and its economic impact on the lives of the people through a school curriculum that would encourage the youth to seek a different goal into achieving a career or vocation which is noble in intention and modern in means and insights.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is most earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE AYANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PONGHAL, MUNICIPALITY OF LAGawe, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AYANGAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Conversion into a National High School. - The Ayangan National High School in Barangay Ponghal, Municipality of Lagawe, Province of Ifugao is hereby converted into national high school to be known as the **Ayangan National Agricultural and Vocational High School**.

SECTION 2. The school, in order to carry out its objectives, shall offer secondary education curriculum as well as science courses relative thereto and other courses as may be authorized or hereafter required by the Department of Education.

SECTION 3. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. - All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Ayangan National High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ayangan National Agricultural and Vocational High School; Provided, the necessary additional personnel shall be made available in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Education pursuant to this Act; Provided further, the positions, rights and security of tenure of the personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to this conversion shall not be impaired.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Ayangan National Agricultural and Vocational high School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Ayangan National High School and thereafter it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Implementation. - The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,