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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The government's national development plan that will help the country to leapfrog into the new economy strongly advocates the use of information and communications technology (ICT). To build on the country's strengths and gain greater momentum in our quest for rapid and sustainable development and growth, we must continue to enhance its competitive edge in information and communications technology by building the physical infrastructure to ensure wider, faster and reliable access at low cost to information and other ICT resources, especially in underserved rural areas.

One feasible approach in empowering our people and make them globally competitive is to harness their technological abilities and skills. The idea of setting up Information and Computer Technology Training Centers in the municipalities will provide the needed technology and will eventually increase the level of computer literacy in the countryside. This will likewise enable students to acquaint themselves with latest in ICT for easy assimilation in the new economy.

In the light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established an Information and Computer Technology Training Center in the Municipality of Barotac Nuevo, Province of Iloilo to be set up by the Department of Science and Technology.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.