

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2472

Introduced by: Honorable Uliran T. Joaquin

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the light of the deterioration and destruction of our environment as well as inadequate knowledge on environmental protection, this bill seeks to integrate the study of environmental protection in the science subject in the educational curriculum of all levels in all public and private educational institutions.

The 1987 Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature." This constitutional provision would show that the State has the primordial duty to constantly protect our environment and provide us a healthful place to live in, however, it is of common knowledge that our environment is fast deteriorating. It is high time therefore to educate the new generations because if we allow the continuing harm being inflicted upon our environment, our generation as well as the generations to come will live in an unhealthful and hazardous place.

Numerous researches show that the main reason for the continuing deterioration of our environment is the sufficient public information campaign of our government. It is distressing to note that most of our people still do not know the importance of constantly protecting and preserving our environment, an attitude that has to be corrected if we are to save our environment from eventual destruction.

In order that our aim to protect life and to live in an environment friendly place, the government must pass upon the youth the task of preserving our environment friendly place, the government must pass upon the youth the task of preserving our environment. This will include to inculcate and educate upon the young minds of the youth the need to perpetually protect and care for their environment if they are to enjoy and appreciate the beauty and splendor of our remaining natural resources.

I therefore filed this bill for the integration of the study of environment protection in the science subject in all levels of education and envisioned to make our students cognizant and aware of their responsibility to restore our environment into its original and eventually make our country a much safer, greener and cleaner world to live in.

Immediate approval hereof is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT INTEGRATING THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM OF ALL LEVELS IN ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

SECTION 1. The study of Environmental Protection is hereby integrated in the Science subject in the educational curriculum of all levels in all private and public educational institutions.

SEC. 2. The Department of Educations shall issue and publish the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. Any violation or circumvention of the provision of this Act shall be sanctioned under the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Education.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in English and Filipino in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,