

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2580



Introduced by the Hon. JOSEPH A. SANTIAGO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Youth Center in Catanduanes to be known as THE CENTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS.

The youth sector in Catanduanes comprises not only a sizeable portion of the population of the province but the sector likewise offers a rich pool of bright, talented, dynamic and open-minded individuals.

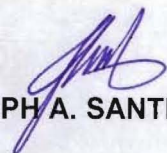
The youth of the province are scattered all throughout its eleven (11) municipalities. Their potentials have not been fully tapped and harnessed because of limited avenues due to a wide array of reasons notable of which are: First, the unaffordable cost of higher education prevents the big chunk of the Catanduanes' youth from most of the educational institutions; Second, The province's out-of-school youths and new graduates have also limited employment or livelihood opportunities. And third, there is almost no outlet, where they can outpour their creative and artistic inclinations. To top them all, vices and anti-social activities such as smoking, gambling and drug addiction prey on them.

However, the youth sector's idealism and vast reservoir of energies and talents, given the proper venue for direction and importance, will give the province a big lift towards sustainable development.

For this reason, there is therefore a necessity for an institution that will exclusively cater to the total human development of the youth sector in the province of Catanduanes. The proposed Center for Youth Affairs is a concrete and practical response to the aforementioned need. The youth center will occupy the present building located in Brgy. Rawis, Virac, Catanduanes at the heart of this province's capital.

The proposed youth center will provide the offices for the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation, Provincial Council for Youth Affairs and Secretariat, library, conference hall, training center, dormitories, ecological garden, camping sites, physical fitness and health center and sports facilities, i.e. basketball, volleyball, badminton and tennis courts.

In view thereof, approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.


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20 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CENTER IN VIRAC, PROVINCE OF
21 CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATANDUANES CENTER FOR
22 YOUTH AFFAIRS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.
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25 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
26 Philippines in Congress assembled:
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29 SECTION 1. There shall be established a Youth Center in Virac, Catanduanes
30 to be known as the Catanduanes Center for Youth Affairs.
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32 SECTION 2. The National Youth Commission shall issue rules and regulations
33 as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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35 SECTION 3. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby
36 authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year
37 following its enactment into law and thereafter.
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39 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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42 Approved,