



Thirteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3552

**Introduced by Honorable Remedios "Matin" L. Petilla and
Honorable Carmen L. Cari**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill provides for the establishment of the Leyte National Science and Technology Center in the first district of the Province of Leyte.

Section 10 of Article XIV of the Constitution states, among others that "science and technology are essential for national development and progress". The same section likewise states that "the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation and their utilization; and to science and technology education, technology training and services".

The government should aim to strengthen and enhance science and technology capabilities in areas critical to national economic and social development.

The Department of Science and Technology, is the agency at the forefront of the government's drive to apply scientific and technological capabilities to promote and sustain the nation's economic, social development and growth through the promotion of programs focusing on cutting-edge science and technology research, design, and development.

However, the Province of Leyte, an area critical to national economic and social development being situated between the islands of Luzon and

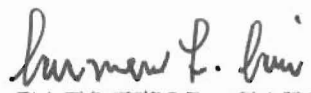
Mindanao, has no science and technology center where Leyteños may acquire relevant information regarding science and technology that will facilitate the upliftment of their lives.

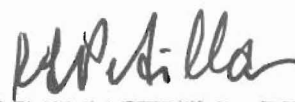
Due to the rapid evolution of science and technology, it is imperative for every Filipino to be knowledgeable on advanced technologies and have in-depth comprehension of modern sciences. Otherwise, they shall lag behind the rest of the world in terms of scientific and technological growth and development.

Putting up a science and technology center shall provide a venue where scientific and technological advances can be learned and availed of by the people of Leyte.

Establishing the Leyte National Science and Technology Center in the first district of the Province of Leyte also pursues State policy to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE LEYTE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE
PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology, a science and technology center in the first district of the Province of Leyte to be known as the Leyte National Science and Technology Center.

SEC. 2. The Department of Science and Technology shall issue the necessary rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Science and Technology under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Leyte National Science and Technology Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,
