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HOUSE BILL NO. 3645

Introduced by Representative IGNACIO T. ARROYO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been declared to be the policy of the State to promote the educational and technological advancement of its citizens, to prepare them for the steep competition for employment, business and industrial pursuits and economic advancement. Only a well-informed citizenry can make our development a reality.

It is therefore imperative that we enact a law that would finally pave the way for the establishment of Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay libraries all over the Philippines.

Libraries constitute the best cheap and readily available source of knowledge and information. Only a well-informed citizenry is adequately equipped to free themselves from the shackles of poverty and is more capable of improving their economic condition than those consigned to the dark allays of ignorance.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL
AND BARANGAY LIBRARIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the educational and technological advancement of its citizens, to prepare them for the steep competition for employment, business and industrial pursuits and economic advancement. Only the well-informed people are in an enviable position to succeed in these areas.

SECTION 2. Within the second calendar year following the approval of this Act, there shall be established a library in each province , city and first to third class municipalities. Municipalities belonging to fourth class or lower category and barangays with an annual income of at least Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) shall comply with this Act within five (5) years from its approval. Lower class barangays may establish their libraries when their respective annual incomes reach P5,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. The appropriations for the establishment, operation and maintenance of such libraries, including the salaries of library personnel and the acquisition of books and information materials , shall be taken from the LGU's Twenty Percent (20%) Economic Development Fund or any other available source.

SECTION 4. Local Government Units which have existing libraries shall be exempt from compliance herewith.

SECTION 5. The Director of the library shall provide technical and other forms of assistance to the LGU's in the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the Rules and Regulations implementing this Act within ninety (90) days from approval hereof.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.