

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3671



Introduced by **REP. EULOGIO "AMANG" R. MAGSAYSAY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To date, two of the most pressing problems in the country are the growing number of hungry Filipinos and the large amount of garbage generated daily.

According to statistics provided by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), more than sixteen million Filipinos are estimated to be below the food/subsistence threshold as of the year 2000. This refers to Filipinos whose income cannot provide for their basic food requirements. In a study conducted by the Social Weather Survey (SWS), fifteen percent of the Filipino families or almost two thousand four hundred families were hungry as of the third quarter of 2004.

To attend to this problem, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have allotted some four hundred million peso (400M) for food assistance programs. Though this may seem like a large sum of money, it is in truth a very meager amount considering the number of hungry Filipinos.

Ironically, at the same time, one thousand seventy two tons of food leftovers are wasted daily by hotels, restaurants, and food chains. This food surplus can be collected, donated, and distributed to those hungry Filipinos. However, prospective donors and helpers are unwilling or afraid to donate, collect and distribute surplus food due to possible legal liability that may arise as a result of their charitable acts.

It is the aim of this bill to address the issue of legal liability in the donation of this food surplus by exempting companies from civil or criminal liability arising from their charitable acts. For this and the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
TO ENCOURAGE THE DONATION OF FOOD FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the "Food Donation Act of 2005"

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy – it is hereby declared a policy of the State to alleviate hunger and reduce food wastage. As such, the State shall implement measures to encourage restaurants, food chains, and the like, to donate apparently wholesome foods for distribution for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms – For purposes of this Act, "**Apparently Wholesome Food**" refers to food that meets all quality and labeling standards imposed by pertinent laws and administrative regulations even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions.

Sec. 4 Exemption Liability for Damages from Donated Food – A donor, whether natural or judicial, shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food that a donor donates in good faith for charitable purposes. This exemption, however, shall not apply to an injury or death of an ultimate beneficiary of the donated food that resulted from an act or omission of the donor constituting gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Sec. 5 Distribution Mechanism. - Donors may opt to directly distribute apparently wholesome food to beneficiaries or they may opt to ask assistance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development or any charitable institution willing to collect and distribute apparently wholesome food.

Sec. 6 Repealing Clause – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec 7. *Separability Clause* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

Sec. 8. *Effectivity Clause* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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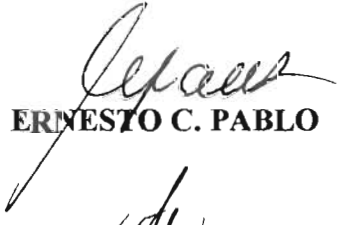
Introduced By **Reps. ERNESTO C. PABLO and FLORENCIO L. VARGAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education plays a very important role in our society. It spells a man's future and will define the future of our society. No less than the Constitution mandates the "State to promote and protect the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all" (Sec. 1 Art. XIV). The state therefore is called to enact laws to make education accessible to the youth especially in the countryside.

It is a common knowledge that education, especially in the far-flung areas in the countryside is often neglected and as a result thereof, the students are not that competitive compared to their counterparts in the metropolis. True enough, private schools have proliferated but because of the exorbitant fees that they collect, the underprivileged cannot afford to attend said schools. Thousands of them are suffering from sub-standard facilities not to mention the inadequate educational institutions in those areas. Add to this the fact that there is lack of higher standard of education and school buildings to where these students should prepare for their future.

Thus this bill seeks to convert the Banguian Elementary School into the Banguian Integrated School offering complete elementary and high school courses, located in the Barangay of Banguian, Municipality of Abulug, Province of Cagayan, to accommodate the students in the area including the adjacent barangays.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BANGUIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANGUIAN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. Banguian Elementary School is hereby converted into an integrated
2 school to be known as Banguian Integrated School, offering both complete elementary
3 and high school courses.
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5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations as may
6 be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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8 SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
9 be included in the General Appropriations Act of the Year following its enactment into
10 law and thereafter.
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12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

Approved,