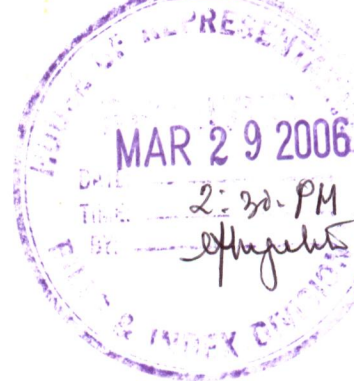


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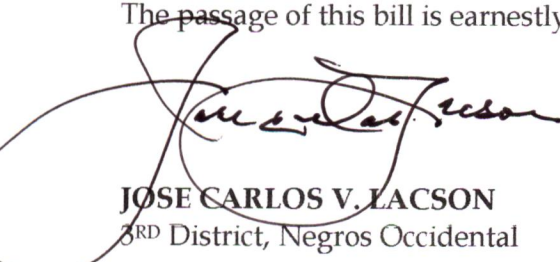
On June 12, 1956 Republic Act No. 1425 otherwise known as "An Act to Include in the Curricula of all Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities, Courses on the Life, Works and Writings of Jose Rizal, Particularly his Novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, Authorizing the Printing and Distribution Thereof and for other Purposes," was passed into law. This Act created a subject now known as the Rizal Course.

As a required subject in the tertiary or college level, the Rizal Course was aimed to promote the ideas of Rizal and his exemplary life and the reading of his two novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo* which have been described as "a constant and inspiring source of patriotism in the minds of the youth.

In the reading of Philippine history we find other Filipino heroes whose ideas espousing patriotism are as profound or even deeper than Rizal's. Among these heroes were Marcelo H. del Pilar, Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Jacinto and Apolinario Mabini. Their ideas expressed in their various writings are classical and relevant in confronting today's issues. It is quite unfortunate that their gems of thought are glossed over in history lessons. A few had read about Jacinto's Kartilla or Mabini's writings on moral government. Their ideas should be thoroughly studied, discussed and contemplated by today's youth. They contain important moral guides in nation building and in running a nation that may help the youth responsible and nationalistic citizens of the nation.

By having a subject that studies not only the patriotic ideals and ideals of Rizal but also those of other great Filipino heroes our youth we would be putting the labors of our heroes in the proper historical perspective. The youth would be better exposed to their lofty principles of nationhood. Finally we would be honoring their memory by keeping alive their highest ideals for the Motherland.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF PATRIOTIC TEACHINGS OF FILIPINO HEROES IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO INCLUDE IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, COURSES ON THE LIFE, WORKS AND WRITINGS OF JOSE RIZAL, PARTICULARLY HIS NOVELS, NOLI ME TANGERE AND EL FILIBUSTERISMO, AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. A course on the patriotic and nationalistic ideas of Filipino heroes such as Marcelo H. del Pilar, Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Apolinario Mabini and other heroes shall be taught in all colleges and universities in a subject to be henceforth known as Philippine Patriotism

SEC. 2. The Commission on Higher Education and the National Historical Institutes are hereby directed to devise a curricula and the writing and printing of appropriate primers, readers and textbooks for this subject.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Higher Education is hereby directed within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, to promulgate rules and regulations including those concerning the including the qualifications of the instructors and professors and rules of a disciplinary measure, to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. The National Historical Institute is hereby mandated to identify, translate to other dialects and publish the patriotic works of Marcelo H. del Pilar, Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio and Apolinario Mabini and cause them to be printed in inexpensive, popular editions for distribution free of charge to public schools and libraries.

SEC. 5. It shall be obligatory for all schools, colleges and universities to keep in their libraries adequate copies of the patriotic works of Marcelo H. del Pilar, Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio and Apolinario Mabini. The Commission on Higher Education shall determine the adequacy of the number of books based upon the enrolment of the school, college or university.

SEC. 6. This Act hereby amends Republic Act No. 1425, otherwise known as "An Act to Include in the Curricula of all Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities, Courses on the Life, Works and Writings of Jose Rizal, Particularly his Novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, Authorizing the Printing and Distribution Thereof and for other Purposes." All laws, executive orders, decrees, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof deemed inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder or part thereof shall remain valid.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

Approved,