

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

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House Bill No. **5706**



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

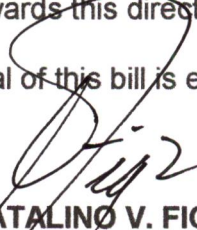
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the appropriation of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) for the implementation of the modernization program of the National Library of the Philippines.

Public libraries are the institutions that train children the love for books and reading especially at an early age, thereby, promoting literacy. It provides access to information and extensive library resources through networking and resource sharing. Public libraries serve not only as information and community activities centers but likewise enhance the social, cultural, educational and moral improvement and development of all the Filipinos.

In line with the minimum standard requirements provided by the UNESCO public library manifesto, public library services should provide the highest degree of efficiency and integrity as a service agency of the government. It should be organized according to internationally accepted standards for easy access and retrieval. The modernization projects of the National Library, however, cannot be fully implemented due to its meager budget allocation. Thus, appropriating for the e-Library project of the National Library of the Philippines is a solid step towards this direction.

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


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**AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS
(P100,000,000.00) FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY**

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

SECTION 1. The amount of One Hundred Million Pesos
(P100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the full implementation of the
modernization programs of the National Library. The said amount shall be
charged to any fund in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.
Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the continuous modernization
of the National Library shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations
Act.

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

Approved,