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HOUSE BILL NO. 2744

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The need to promote and advance the ideals of nationalism and patriotism, which our national heroes lived and died for, in the hearts and minds of the Filipino Youth are as important today as it was during the time of our heroes.

The life, works and writings of Dr. Jose Rizal, particularly the novels Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo are vital source of patriotism and nationalism for our youth. It is during their formative years in school that we should acquaint and inculcate in them the virtues of good moral character, personal discipline, civic consciousness and of the duties of citizenship.

As we honor our national heroes like Dr. Jose Rizal, we develop our collective national character into a potent force that shall eventually free our countrymen from the shackles of corruption, poverty and underdevelopment.

This bill seeks to extend the teaching of Rizal subjects to two (2) years, both in public and private secondary schools, colleges and universities and further requiring students to visit the Rizal Shrine in Dapitan City upon the final completion of the courses, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 1425, entitled "An Act to Inculcate in the Curricula of All Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities, Courses on the Life and Works of Jose Rizal, Particularly His Novels Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo, Authorizing the Printing and Distribution Thereof, and For Other Purposes."

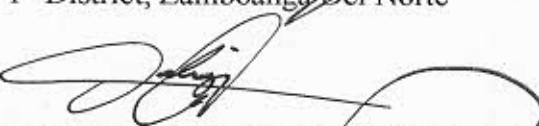
In view of the foregoing, passage of this proposed legislative measure is earnestly encouraged.



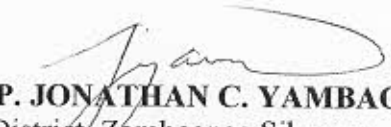
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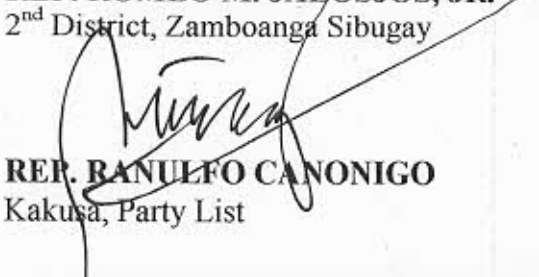
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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE TEACHING OF RIZAL SUBJECTS FOR TWO (2) YEARS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND FURTHER REQUIRING STUDENTS TO VISIT THE RIZAL SHRINE IN DAPITAN CITY UPON THE FINAL COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1425, ENTITLED "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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 1425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Courses on the life, works and writings of Jose Rizal, particularly his novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, shall be included in the curricula of all SECONDARY schools, colleges and universities, public and private; FOR ATLEAST TWO (2) YEARS and further requiring students to visit the Rizal Shrine in Dapitan City upon the completion of the courses: *Provided*, That in the collegiate courses, the original unexpurgated editions of the *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo* or their English translation shall be used as basic texts.

The Board of National Education is hereby authorized and directed to adopt forthwith measures to implement and carry out the measures of this Section, including the writing and printing of appropriate primers, readers and textbooks. The Board shall within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act promulgate rules and regulations including those of a disciplinary nature, to carry out and enforce this Act. The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations providing exemption of students for reason of religious beliefs stated in a sworn written statement, from the requirement provision contained in the second part of the first paragraph of this section, but not from taking the course provided for in the first part of said paragraph. The rules and regulations shall take effect thirty (30) days after their publication in the Official Gazette."

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

Approved,