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House Bill No. **3299**

Introduced by Honorable **JOSEPHINE VERONIQUE LACSON - NOEL**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State is mandated by the Constitution to give priority to education and protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels.

This bill aims to give everyone, especially the children the chance to develop their potential. By providing accessible city libraries, the simplified form of education is afforded as well as to the indigents. One of the tenets of the establishment of city libraries is the development and maintenance of regular reading habits of students and also the professionals. Since education is an unending journey, then the state shall be the forerunner advocate.

This bill likewise envisioned the creation of city libraries to expand the potential of every child to the limit and through this, devotion to education, contribute to national development and the progress of humanity.

Thus, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY LIBRARIES IN ALL CITY
NATIONWIDE

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of City Libraries.* - There shall be established a city library in each city throughout the country.

SECTION 2. *Implementing Agencies.* - The Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, through the Local School Board, shall be the main agencies in charge of the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. *The Library Building and Personnel.* 1. The city concerned shall either:

- a. Renovate and occupy an unoccupied room, hall or ground of the City Hall or any government establishment and construct the city library thereof; or
- b. Purchase and renovate a building situated in the city or a municipality where the library will be constructed: Provided, that the building shall be procured from the available properties of the municipality concerned. Provided, further, that, if there is no available property, the municipality concerned shall enjoin the private sector in granting a piece of land for the purpose through Sangguniang Bayan resolutions and subject to the payment of just compensation; or
- c. Purchase a land situated in the city or a municipality where the library will be constructed: Provided, that the land shall be procured from the available

properties of the municipality concerned. Provided, further, that, if there is no available property, the municipality concerned shall enjoin the private sector in granting a piece of land for the purpose through Sangguniang Bayan resolutions and subject to the payment of just compensation.

2. The city library shall have at least three (3) personnel, one (1) head librarian and two (2) assistant librarians.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* To carry out the provisions of this Act, there shall be an amount appropriated from the funds of the national treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, that they were funds of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Social Welfare and Development. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this program shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act as part of the budget of the Department of Interior and Local Government through the Local School Board.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended and repealed accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication

Approved,