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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 862



Introduced by Honorable Eric L. Olivarez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Fundamental in our Constitution is the State's policy of providing quality education among Filipino youth. Thus, Article XIV Sections 1 and 2.1, provide:

Section 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

Section 2. The State shall:

1. Establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;

Currently, both the labor sector and the educational sector are suffering from interruptions in the productive hours brought about by torrential rains and the consequent floodings during the rainy season due to climate change. These interruptions not only substantially lessen the school days and hours spent by children within the academic year, they likewise adversely affect the productivity of our workforce due to difficulty in going to and from work. Hence, it is essential that the State take preventive measures in this decline in productivity by adjusting the Philippine Standard Time (PST) by one hour during the dry season. The accumulated extra hour of classes and work hours shall then be accumulated to compensate for the interruptions during the rainy season.

By the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly prayed for.

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**AN ACT ALLOWING THE PRESIDENT TO DECLARE THE ADOPTION OF
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST) IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall shall be known as the "Daylight Saving
Time Act of 2013".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes the vital role of the
Filipino youth in nation building. Moreover, it is the policy of the State to establish,
maintain, and support a complete adequate and integrated system of education
relevant to the needs of the people and society. Furthermore, the State recognizes
its commitment to expand productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all,
especially the underprivileged. Lastly, the State recognizes the effects of global
warming and climate change on the weather systems of the Philippines and the
higher frequency of storms and tropical depressions that beset the country and the
consequent floodings due to torrential rains during the rainy season which

substantially interrupt the students' schooling as well as the workers' productive hours.

Section 3. Adoption of the Daylight Saving Time. – Beginning January 1 of each calendar year the President is allowed to adjust the Philippine Standard Time (PST) by one (1) hour at exactly 12:00 midnight, until June 1 of the same time and year in order to take advantage of the clear sunny weather during Philippine's dry season. The extra hours of school time or work time shall be devoted to off-set the interruptions in school days or work hours suffered by students and workers during the rainy season, thus obviating the decreased productivity of our educational institutions as well as the workforce.

Section 4. Appropriations. – The sums necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be appropriated and shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. Implementing Rules. – The Secretary of Science and Technology shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry into effect the purpose of this Act.

Section 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,