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House Bill No. 1203



INTRODUCED BY HON. MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Today's complex world is characterized by the increasingly rapid turnover in the fields of science and technology. From warfare (intelligent missiles, robot-driven vehicles) to economic production (assembly line, automation) to consumer goods (portable music players and cellular phones), innovations undergo obsolescence in an instant with the discovery or invention of new things that improve on the characteristics of the predecessors.

Given this context, survival means being abreast with the demands of the times as regards these developments. There is a pressing need for the State to ensure that Filipinos can hone their skills and know how in the aforementioned fields not only for their global competency, but for the benefit of the country as well.

This bill seeks the establishment of a science and technology training center for the benefit of Marikina residents. As Boris Eichenbaum said that "science lives not by settling on truth but by overcoming error," knowledge and skills need to be dynamic and updated as frequently as possible. The planned center would provide an environment conducive for the aforementioned. Moreover, the establishment of said center and the programs to be implemented aim to give people increased employability in highly specialized fields that need scientific competencies, both here and abroad.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcelino R. Teodoro".

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER IN
MARIKINA CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology, a science and technology training center in Marikina City to be known as the Marikina City Science and Technology Training Center.

SEC. 2. The Commission on Information and Communications Technology shall issue the necessary rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Science and Technology under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Marikina City Science and Technology Training Center shall be included in annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,