

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1707



Introduced by the Honorable Victoria G. Noel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the Commonwealth era, the Americans introduced the public school system to the Philippines. To meet the need for public school buildings, the Asamblea Filipina (Philippine Assembly), passed as one of its first laws Act. No. 1801 framed by Nueva Ecija representative Isauro Gabaldon.

Taken from the surname of its principal advocate, it came to be known as the "Gabaldon Act of 1907," and all the school buildings built in the next two decades during the American period were called "Gabaldon Schoolhouses."

These "Gabaldon Schoolhouses" have withstood the elements and until the present are still being used by public schools throughout the country.

This bill seeks to rehabilitate and repair the "Gabaldon Schoolhouses" nationwide to preserve its historical significance as well as address the ever growing need for educational facilities.

This proposed measure was filed by the Honorable Florencio G. Noel in the 15th Congress. The bill however did not pass into law due to lack of material time.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND REPAIR OF
GABALDON SCHOOLHOUSES NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be rehabilitated and repaired under the supervision of the Department of Education, the Gabaldon schoolhouses nationwide.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as are needed for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers for general circulation.

Approved,