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Introduced by **Honorable Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The use of science and technology has led to the development of many countries; in fact, the most economically affluent countries in the world today have shown great expertise in these fields. Many countries are continuously developing their scientific and technological capabilities to create an edge over other countries in a world that is becoming increasingly competitive.

In the Philippines, the thrust towards the development of scientific and technological capabilities is reflected in Article II, Section 17 and Article XIV, Section 1 and 10 of the 1987 Constitution which mandates the State to "give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology, education, training and services". The development of science and technology, as proven by many countries, is vital for national and economic growth.

The increasing demands of such technology-based industries in the country have created employment opportunities that may be incompatible with the qualifications of the current workforce. Such job opportunities may not only require secondary or tertiary education but technical skills as well.

It is also a fact that not all students have the capability to pursue tertiary education. Without a college degree, they find it hard to compete in the labor market. Because of these reasons, it becomes important to establish institutions that can offer knowledge and skills aimed at developing globally competitive scientific and technological capabilities and practical abilities that can be used for income-generating activities. With this goal in mind, it is sought that the Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial National High School be converted into a National Technical-Vocational High School to be known as the Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial Technical-Vocational Secondary School.

Currently, there is no secondary school within the jurisdiction of the city schools of Dagupan City offering a technical vocational curriculum. This conversion aims to equip the promising individuals of Dagupan City with knowledge and skills that will help them improve their lives and contribute to national development. This will also provide income-poor students the skills needed to begin working

immediately after high school graduation to help them generate income for their families.

The conversion will help the District maximize its available resources by offering technical vocational courses that can help sustain the continuous flow of employment and economic opportunities in the area. This will help students save time, money and energy because they would not need to go to distant training centers since there will already be an accessible vocational school that can provide them with the same quality training.

In view of the foregoing premises, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE JUDGE JOSE DE VENECIA SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF DAGUPAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS JUDGE JOSE DE VENECIA SR. MEMORIAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National Technical-Vocational High School.* – The Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial National High School in the City of Dagupan, Province of Pangasinan is hereby converted into a national technical-vocational high school to be known as Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial Technical-Vocational Secondary School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial National High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial Technical-Vocational Secondary School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial Technical-Vocational Secondary School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial National High School. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,