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Introduced by **Rep. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution mandates the inculcation of patriotism and nationalism by the appreciation of our historical development. While Philippine history by its national scope and coverage is being taught in our schools, our localities are also rich in their respective historical experiences that need to be widely introduced and oriented to their local population in order that the national historical experiences under the same national pride and prestige can easily be assimilated, thus, the most effective means of achieving this purpose is through the educational system with emphasis that every local school, in teaching national history, should also be teaching the history of its locality.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INTEGRATING LOCAL HISTORY IN THE TEACHING OF PHILIPPINE
HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE INTO THE CURRICULUM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Local History Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the declared policy of the State to foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of the Filipino national culture. Towards this end, the Government shall endeavor to impress upon the minds of Filipino children the rich cultural and historical heritage of their own native place to allow them to appreciate the legacy of their ancestors and to enable them to understand the present and to empower them to face the future; and in general, to foster their sense of nationalism and patriotism.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall refer to and/or mean as hereunder defined:

- a. "Local History" refers to the study of history, culture and geography of a political subdivision where the public or private school is located.

SEC. 4. *Integration of Local History in School Curriculum.* The teaching of local history shall be included as a mandatory and integral part of the curriculum in the teaching of Philippine history in all schools.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* The Department of Education will promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,