

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **3793**



Introduced by Hon. Delphine Gan Lee

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Academic credentials are a necessity in obtaining employment, a promotion or higher compensation in employment, or admission to a prestigious institution. It is likewise needed when presented in connection with any profession or occupation. It is imperative, therefore, that such academic achievement be obtained only through the efforts of the person claiming it as his or her own, and not the work of people he or she just paid to write his or her dissertations, theses, term papers, essays, reports or any other assignment.

This bill therefore seeks to make it unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase any material either written or provided through electronic media which will be submitted by a student as his or her own work to any university, college, academy, school or other educational institution, or to a course, seminar or degree program held by such institution.

The early passage of this bill is thus earnestly requested.


HON. DELPHINE GAN LEE
Representative, AGRI Party-List

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1 **AN ACT**
2 **PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL SALE AND PURCHASE OF**
3 **DISSERTATIONS, THESES, TERM PAPERS, ESSAYS, REPORTS,**
4 **OR ANY OTHER ASSIGNMENT OR SCHOOL WORK**

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

5 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as "Academic Honesty Act of
6 2013."

7 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is the policy of the State to promote the
8 general welfare of the people. Pursuant to this policy, this Act makes it unlawful to sell,
9 offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase dissertations, theses, term papers, essays,
10 reports or any other assignment which will be submitted by a student as his or her own
11 work to any university, college, academy, school or other educational institution, or to a
12 course, seminar or degree program held by such institution.

13 **SECTION 3. *Prohibition on Unlawful Sale of Dissertations, Theses and Term***
14 ***Papers.*** - No person shall, for financial consideration, or the promise of financial
15 consideration, prepare, offer to prepare, cause to be prepared, sell or offer for sale to any

1 person any material either written or provided through electronic media which the seller
2 knows, is informed or has reason to believe is intended for submission by a student as his
3 or her own dissertation, thesis, term paper, essay, report or other assignment, as a
4 requirement of any university, college, academy, school or other educational institution,
5 or of any course, seminar or degree program held by such institution.

6 SECTION 4. *Prohibition on Unlawful Purchase of Dissertations, Theses and*
7 *Term Papers.* - It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to purchase, or to offer to
8 purchase, from any person any material either written or provided through electronic
9 media which the buyer intends to submit as his or her dissertation, thesis, term paper,
10 essay, report or other assignment as a requirement of any university, college, academy,
11 school or other educational institution, or of any course, seminar or degree program held
12 by such institution.

13 SECTION 5. *Penalties.* - Any person found guilty of violating the preceding
14 Section shall be punished by a penalty of imprisonment of *arresto menor*, or a fine of not
15 more than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the court,
16 taking into consideration all attending circumstances.

17 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid
18 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
19 remain valid and subsisting.

20 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
21 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to

1 or inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
2 accordingly.

3 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
4 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,