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EXPLANATORY NOTE

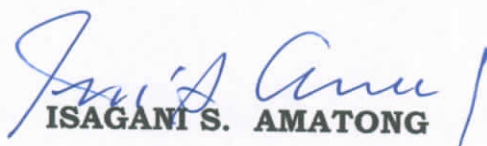
Sec. 1, Art. XIV, 1987 Constitution provides that: "The state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Pursuant this Constitutional mandate, it is imperative that the State should disperse schools and their facilities to areas where they are needed.

Moreover, to make these schools more autonomous thereby making them more responsive and effective in attaining their goal of quality and accessible education in the respective localities, they should be enabled to stand on their individual initiatives and merits considering that education by the state that does not gain ground as an institution without the involvement participation of the community, stakeholders: parents, pupils, teachers, local leaders, etc.

As the saying goes, the school reflects the community where it stands. If possible, based on certain criteria, it should not exist as merely an "annex" of another school.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill which intends to separate Liloy National High School – Patawag Extension from its mother school, be officially named "Patawag National High School", Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE LILOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PATAWAG
EXTENSION, LILOY DISTRICT IN BARANGAY PATAWAG, MUNICIPALITY
OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE LILOY
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PATAWAG NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Separation and Conversion into a National High School. The Liloy National High School – Patawag Extension in Barangay Patawag, Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Liloy National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Patawag National High School.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Liloy National High School – Patawag Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Patawag National High School.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Patawag National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Liloy National High School – Patawag Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

Approved,