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HOUSE BILL NO. 6421

Introduced by Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

History is a great teacher and thus, it needs to be told with faithfulness to facts and figures so that it can be a good guide to the future.

The problem with the history books being used in our educational system is that they are replete with inaccuracies and omissions which results to historical revisionism or distortion. This is true with the contribution of our Muslim brothers in the unfolding of our national history or of the proper historical place and significance of the Lumads. The same could be said of some events that transpired during the Martial Law years or even during the administration of President Corazon Aquino.

This bill aims to rectify said historical inaccuracies to prevent them from being passed on as reality as lies when repeated often become acceptable as "truth".


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AN ACT
RECTIFYING ERRORS STATED IN HISTORY TEXT BOOKS BEING
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Historical Revisionism Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. The Constitution provides that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

The State shall also encourage and support researches and studies on the arts and the culture.

SECTION 3. Anti-Historical Revisionism. — The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), shall organize a convention

of History Professors in the Philippines provided that every State University and College is represented by at least one history professor, and that all professors, whether teaching in public or private schools, with scholarly outputs relating to historical revisionism shall be invited to the said conference.

During the said conference, all the participants will be given the chance to present and make of record his contribution to the subject matter. At the end of the conference, all the relevant points shall be summarized, including those matters wherein there are conflicting versions. The output of the conference shall be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and shall be used to correct textbooks being used in our school system.

SECTION 4. The Commission on Higher Education, in coordination with the Department of Education as well as the National Commission on Culture and the Arts and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines shall be tasked to draft the implementing guidelines of this Act.

SECTION 5. An initial amount of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) necessary for the implementation of this act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.