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House Bill No. **6692**



INTRODUCED BY Hon. John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the present congress (Cong. Belaro's HB 6421).

History, as a subject, offers an opportunity to not only retell past events that had major impact on the country's development and culture. It also serves as a means to provide perspective on present problems and, in a way, a guide for future generations to avoid the mistakes of the past. Hence, it is important to teach history with great faithfulness to facts and figures. However, the current state of history books being used in the country proves to be a hindrance in achieving this goal. The history books being used are replete with inaccuracies and omissions which result to historical revisionism or distortion.

This bill aims to rectify historical inaccuracies to prevent them from being passed on as facts.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT RECTIFYING ERRORS STATED IN HISTORY TEXT BOOKS BEING USED
IN SCHOOLS**

*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. 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, for the purpose only of
rectifying errors stated in history books for all levels.

During the said conference, all the participants will be given the chance to
present and make of record their 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 CHED, in coordination with the DepEd as well as the NCCA
and the NHCP 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,