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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the primary roles of any library -- whether it is public or school -- is to provide users with a positive learning environment. It is the local gateway to knowledge, provides a basic condition for lifelong learning, independent decision-making and cultural development of the individual and social groups.

Libraries in various educational institutions were established in order to provide additional or supplemental reading materials related to the usual lessons discussed in our schools. Libraries must be properly and adequately equipped to meet the needs of the curriculum and the users. In reality, however, reading materials in our public libraries are mostly inadequate and obsolete.

This proposed measure recognizes the important role of the private sector in augmenting the government's efforts and resources in the construction and maintenance of libraries across the country. These libraries will be provided with appropriate and adequate educational materials. The libraries shall also be provided with at least five (5) computers and a working internet connection.

In return, all expenses made for the construction of these libraries and provision of educational materials and equipment under this proposed measure shall be exempt from the donor's tax. It is hoped that thru this measure, we will ensure sustainability and shall generate continued support from various individuals and organizations, provide our students greater access to quality and appropriate reading materials.

In view of the above, immediate approval of the measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN “ADOPT-A-LIBRARY” PROGRAM, PROVIDING
INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SEC.1. Short Title.-** This Act shall be known as the “*Adopt-a-Library Act of 2018.*”

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3 **SEC.2. Declaration of Policy.-** The State recognizes right of all citizens to quality
4 education at all levels and shall endeavor towards the realization of this right. The State
5 further recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector in augmenting the
6 government’s efforts to provide an improved quality of life for all and shall provide
7 incentives to mobilize private resources for the purpose.

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9 **SEC.3. Adopt-a-Library Program.-** There is hereby established the “*Adopt-a-Library*
10 *Program*”, hereby referred to as “the Program”, which will allow the private sector to assist a
11 local government unit, public elementary or secondary school, or State University or College
12 (SUC) in establishing and maintaining libraries within their respective jurisdiction.

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14 **SEC.4. Minimum Standard for Libraries.-** The libraries established under the
15 Program shall be inclusive of educational materials such as but not limited to encyclopedias,
16 dictionaries, maps and globes. The libraries shall also be provided with at least five (5)
17 computers and a working internet connection.

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19 **SEC.5. Procedure.-** A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) specifying the details of
20 the adoption shall be entered into between the private entity and the concerned authority:
21 Provided, That such MOA shall be subject to review and approval of the concerned
22 authority: Provided, further, That the agreement shall last for at least two (2) years with the
23 possibility of extension. For the purposes of this Act, “concerned authority” shall refer to the
24 Mayor, school superintendent, or president of the State University or College where the
25 library under this program is established.

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27 **SEC.6. Incentives.-** All expenses made for the construction of libraries and provision
28 of educational materials and equipment under this Act shall be exempt from the donor’s tax.
29 Furthermore, the adopting company or enterprise shall be entitled to have its name published
30 beneath the name of the school after words indicating that the school is under the “*Adopt-a-*
31 *Library-Program*”.

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2 **SEC.7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** –Within thirty (30) days from this
3 Act's effectivity, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of
4 Interior and Local Government, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations necessary
5 for the implementation of this Act.
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8 **SEC.8. *Separability Clause.***– If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain
10 in force and effect.
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12 **SEC.9. *Repealing Clause.***– All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts
13 thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended
14 accordingly.
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16 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.***– This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the
17 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general
18 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,