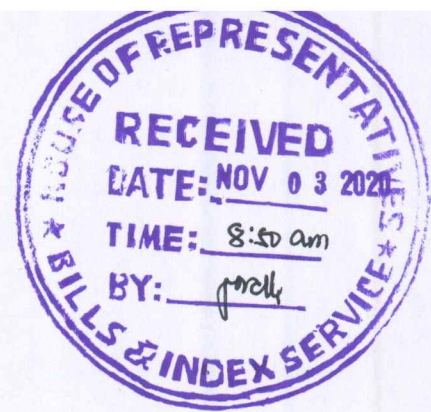


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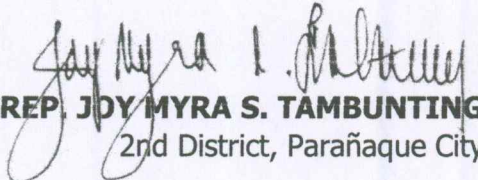
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure mandates publishers participating in the Public Schools Textbook Program to allow the conversion of textbooks, in part or in full, to digital formats to be made available and accessible to all public-school students. The said conversion would still be subject to the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines.

In the usual face-to-face learning setting, textbooks are usually shared among students within the same class. Students are also not able to bring textbooks home as they are shared between students from different shifts of classes. With the implementation of online classes, public learning institutions are facing difficulties in the provision of necessary learning materials to all students due to the inadequate copies of textbooks.

The digitization of learning materials would greatly aid public schools as they would be able to distribute copies of textbooks to students in a shorter amount of time as they would not need to have it printed for all students. This would also lessen the burden public schools face in the delivery of learning materials as they would only have to deliver printed textbooks and other learning materials to students who cannot access learning materials digitally.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT," PROVIDING FOR THE SCANNING AND CONVERSION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS INTO E-BOOKS AND OTHER DIGITAL FORMATS

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

SECTION 1. Section 11 of Republic Act No. 8047, otherwise known as the "Book Publishing Industry Development Act," Is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 11. Participation of Private Publishers in the Public School Textbook Program.
– Guided by the minimum learning competencies for the elementary level, the desired learning competencies for the secondary level, and other specifications prepared by the [DECS] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)**, publishers shall develop and submit to the [DEGS] **DEPED** those syllabi and/or prototypes and manuscripts or books Intended for use In the public schools for testing, evaluation, selection and approval.

Upon approval of the manuscripts or books, publishers shall produce and supply the textbooks as ordered by the [DECS] **DEPED**.

PUBUSHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOK PROGRAM SHALL ALLOW THE SCANNING OR CONVERSION INTO E-BOOKS AND OTHER DIGITAL FORMATS, IN PART OR IN FULL, OF THEIR APPROVED TEXTBOOKS, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH REPUBUC ACT NO. 8293, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES". THE E-BOOKS AND DIGITAL FORMAT COPIES OF THE TEXTBOOKS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL STUDENTS, IN A MANNER DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLE BY THE DEPED.

Sec. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd), In coordination with the National Book Development Board (NBDB), and other relevant government agencies and stakeholders, shall Issue the necessary rules and regulations to Implement the and stakeholders, shall Issue the necessary rules and regulations to Implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. Repealing Cause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. Separability Cause. – If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 5. Effectivity Cause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication In the Official Gazette or In at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,