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HOUSE BILL NO. 9294



Introduced by: Hon. KRISTINE ALEXIE B. TUTOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. However, access to quality education is not only limited to the formal education system but also to other forms of educational systems or programs. Section 2 of the same Article provides that “the State shall encourage non-formal, informal, and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs”.

In 1994, the Philippine Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7743 which provides for the establishment of Congressional, City and Municipal Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers throughout the country in order to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the people. RA No. 7743 recognizes the vital role of knowledge and information in nation-building thru our public libraries.

Libraries serve as the community’s gateway to knowledge and information. Libraries likewise preserve the proud history and heritage of our country. Hence, it is important for us to improve access to information and appropriate educational materials thru the creation of additional libraries all over the country.

The 3rd Congressional District of Bohol is the biggest Congressional District in the Province but lacks a fully-functioning and -operational Municipal and/ or Congressional

Library. Hence, this measure seeks to establish a Congressional Library in the Municipality of Guindulman, Province of Bohol, to help provide our people access to a wealth of knowledge and information in order to encourage their passion for reading, and to seek new knowledge.

The Municipality of Guindulman serves as a very strategic venue for the establishment of a Congressional Library as it is a doorway to the Bohol Island State University. Likewise, there is an on-going construction for a municipal college in the same municipality. These institutions are vital in providing our people wider access to knowledge and information enabling them to make informed decisions crucial to achieving socio-economic, and political growth.

This bill likewise ensures that the operational expenses of the library are included in the annual appropriations of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) guaranteeing the efficient, effective, and adequate delivery of library and allied services.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GUINDULMAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established a congressional library in the Municipality
2 of Guindulman, Province of Bohol, which shall be under the direct control and supervision
3 of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP).

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5 **SEC. 2.** The Director of the NLP shall appoint the following personnel to carry out
6 the purposes of this Act, to wit:

- 7 a) Librarian III;
8 b) Librarian I;
9 c) Administrative Assistant III;
10 d) Computer File Librarian I;
11 e) Administrative Aide VI;
12 f) Watchmen (Security Guard); and
13 g) Other personnel necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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15 The appointments of the positions provided in this section shall be in accordance
16 with the *Compensation and Position Classification System* and other civil service rules and
17 regulations. In addition, their salaries and allowances shall be in accordance with

1 Republic Act No. 11466, otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019,”
2 and other applicable laws.

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4 **SEC. 3.** The NLP shall include in its program the implementation of this Act, the
5 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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7 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NLP shall
8 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this
9 Act.

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11 **SEC. 5.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of
12 this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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14 **SEC. 6.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules,
15 regulations, issuances, and enactments of parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are
16 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
19 *Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,