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HOUSE BILL NO. 3680



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

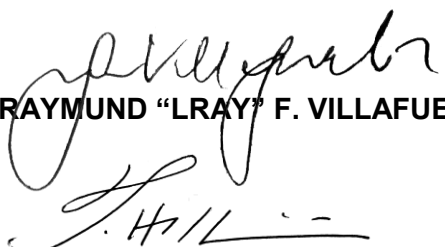
This measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 8047, otherwise known as the "Book Publishing Industry Development Act." It mandates the scanning or conversion into e-books and other digital formats of content by publishers participating in the government's Public School Textbook Program.

Textbooks in public elementary and high schools are limited in number, as a result, our students are forced to share or borrow from one another. This plight is more evident especially when there is a shift to distance learning. The sharing of materials among students still exist because of the shortage of printed modules.

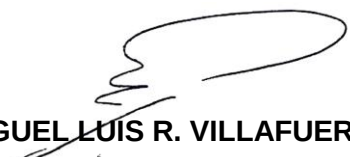
To address the gap, we can make use of digitization of textbooks into electronic books and other digital formats. Students are given access to the contents of a textbook in digital format without the need for sharing of resource materials.

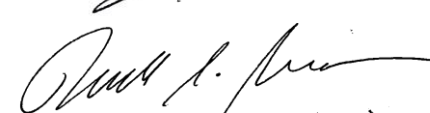
To protect the intellectual property of both authors and publishers of the textbook, the implementation of the scanning or conversion must comply with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the "Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines." The e-books and digital format copies of the textbooks shall also be made available and accessible to all public school students as may be determined and prescribed by the DepEd.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is most 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 the 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 [~~DECS~~]
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**.

**PUBLISHERS 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 REPUBLIC 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 provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* — 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 Clause.* - 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 Clause.* — 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,