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HOUSE BILL NO. 9392



Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

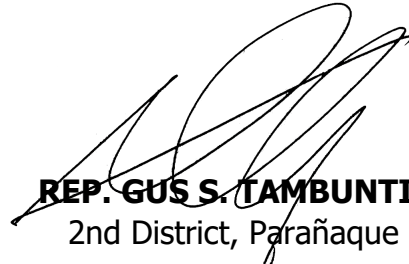
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed legislation focuses on enhancing the educational landscape of the Philippines by making Philippine History a mandatory subject in the junior and senior high school curriculum. This initiative aims to deepen students' understanding of their nation's past, fostering a sense of nationalism, patriotism, and critical thinking. By incorporating Philippine History into formal education, students will develop a stronger connection to their cultural heritage and a broader perspective on the country's journey.

Emphasizing specific objectives, the legislation seeks to imbue students with a sense of pride and love for their country by highlighting Philippine heroes, significant events, and liberation movements. Additionally, it aims to provide a more inclusive education by spotlighting local history, national minorities, and women's contributions. The legislation encourages critical evaluation of various secondary sources on Philippine history, promoting analytical thinking and an understanding of the historical events' contemporary relevance.

To ensure effective implementation, the legislation mandates collaboration between the Department of Education, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, historians, teachers, and other stakeholders. These entities will work collectively to create rules, regulations, textbooks, and instructional materials that align with the curriculum, enhancing the learning experience and enabling students to gain a comprehensive understanding of their country's past. The legislation aims to lay the foundation for a well-rounded education that instills a sense of national identity and critical thinking, contributing to a more informed and engaged citizenry.

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
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY
AS A SUBJECT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Education is hereby mandated to include the study of Philippine History as a subject in the curriculum of junior and senior high school.

SECTION 2. In the performance of this mandate, including in the implementation of the preceding Section, the Department shall bear in mind the following objectives:

- (1) To inculcate among junior and senior high school students the sense of nationalism and patriotism as embodied by Philippine heroes, important events, and in liberation movements and revolutions;
- (2) To emphasize at necessary points particulars such as local history, national minorities, and women;
- (3) To expose students to different secondary sources on Philippine history, such as biographies, interpretive and analytical texts, and journals, and spur students' critical evaluation thereof, and
- (4) To enable critical thinking and discourse on the effects and relevance of Philippine historical events, persons, and movements to the present.

SECTION 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department shall, in consultation with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, teachers, historians, and other stakeholders, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act. The Department shall likewise, also upon consultation with the abovementioned, prepare the textbooks and instructional materials for the teaching of Philippine History.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. If any portion or provisions of this Act is declared void and unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,