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House Bill No. 4266

Introduced by Rep. Eulogio "Amang" R. Magsaysay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, in its various provisions, guarantees the promotion of health and wellness of every Filipino, particularly the children or the youth. In pursuance of such provisions, it is the declared policy that the State, as provided in Article 13, Section 11, shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development that shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. Such mandate further states that priority for the health needs of children shall be particularly provided.

The Filipino youth have been confronted by different problems related to the use of certain substances such as alcohol, nicotine, and drugs. The attribution to them of our "nation's hope" has been doubted by many at times for what we see are hopeless cases of teen-agers who are hooked by the false satisfaction such substances have made them.

High school students are prone to such experiences as they tread through the life stage of their early adulthood. Being curious of indulging into new things is a normal developmental stage for young people like them. However, vulnerability of our youth in the ill effects of using harmful substances has to be safeguarded by the state. Resolving this problem, therefore, can be easily made, as it is also during this stage that they weave their ideals and aspirations in life.

This bill is a preventive and rescue measure to our youth set at the context of their high school education. The school itself, as a fountain of wisdom, has its natural influence on students for what is right, good, appropriate, and desirable. The bill carries provisions that will intensify classroom instruction and campus information dissemination on the ramification of being into alcohol, nicotine, and drugs. "Persuasion" is everything in the provisions of this bill that will significantly and constantly remind our high school students of the worst such substances will give them.

Approval of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONS AND INNOVATING
CAMPUS INFORMATION DISSEMINATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS
CONCERNING THE RAMIFICATIONS OF USING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND
DRUGS

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

SECTION 1. Classroom Instruction Regarding Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs. – Instruction regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs shall be an integral part of health education course in secondary school curriculum. Such instruction shall include the medical risks inherent in the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs during pregnancy. Any such course shall be taught by teachers holding a certificate to teach health.

SECTION 2. Co-curricular Activities Regarding Prohibition of Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs in Secondary Schools. – Information dissemination and co-curricular activities regarding prohibition of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs shall be a regular activities of the Supreme Student Governments in secondary schools. Such activities shall be an integral part of the School Improvement Plan and that the student body be ensured of the full support of school authorities, PTAs and the School Governing Body.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,