

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

17<sup>th</sup> Congress

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 5578**



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Introduced by Representative **ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to separate the Magtoma National High School-Dupligan Annex in Barangay Dupligan, Municipality of Tanudan, Province of Kalinga from its mother school the Magtoma National High School and convert it into a separate and independent national high school to be known as Biga National High School.

Magtoma National High School-Dupligan Annex was opened in 2003 to cater to high school students from Barangay Dupligan and its nearby barangays. At present the school has its own school identification with a student populace of 124 and with seven borrowed teachers from other schools in Kalinga. The school site with a land area of 12, 337 square meters was acquired through a deed of donation and accessible to all forms of vehicle transportation. Due to the increase of population in Barangay Dupligan and nearby barangays, there is an indication that student enrollees will grow in the coming years.

With the conversion of Magtoma National High School-Dupligan Annex into an independent national high school, the capability of the school as catalyst of change will be boosted. It is a generally accepted fact that better accessibility to education will not only improve the economic life of the people but even their social and political conditions. As the government is brought closer to the people in this part of the country, our children are also drawn further away from the dangerous clutches of insurgency, juvenile delinquency, crimes, ignorance and poverty.

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

  
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**AN ACT SEPARATING MAGTOMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- DUPLIGAN ANNEX  
IN BARANGAY DUPLIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANUDAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA  
FROM THE MAGTOMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN  
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BIGA NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Magtoma National High School- Dupligan Annex in Barangay Dupligan, Municipality of Tanudan, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from the Magtoma National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Biga National High School.

**SECTION 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Magtoma National High School- Dupligan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Biga National High School.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Biga National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Magtoma National High School-Dupligan Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.