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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

At the drop of a hat or as soon as the slightest provocation is given, many youngsters would take their own lives as though it were the only way out of their dilemmas. For the most part, the reasons are superficial and would not warrant such drastic act as to commit suicide. On account of a mere failure in an exam; being starcrossed with romantic pursuit; or because of a simple rebuke from a parent; many young people nowadays take the easy way out and commit such mortal sin in the sight of the Almighty.

Hence, the government should authorize instruction related to the prevention of suicide among youths as an integral part of health education.

A unified and strengthened institutional support from the family, the church and the academe must be undertaken and an institutional instruction specifically to avert the commission of suicide among the youth must be undertaken.

The immediate passage of this measure is sought for.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AUTHORIZING INSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE AMONG**  
**YOUTHS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Suicide Prevention Among the Youth Act."

SEC. 2. There shall be authorized instruction related to the prevention of suicide among youths as an integral part of health education.

SEC. 3. The authorization of such instruction shall be determined and undertaken by the Department of Education in cooperation with the Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

SEC. 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2015 appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued maintenance of the libraries shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*