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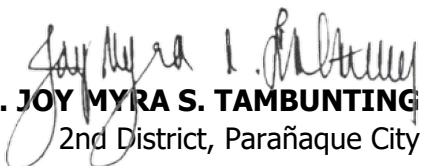
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Libraries play a fundamental role in creating opportunities for learning, support literacy and education. Libraries offer countless learning opportunities that can fuel economic, social and cultural development. The reality however is that the maintenance and operation of public libraries is costly, especially for public educational institutions and local government units. As such, there is the need for the State to introduce measures that would allow for the updating and improved operations of these public libraries.

This measure seeks to fully utilize the efficiency of the private sector in constructing and maintaining these libraries. Private entities shall be encouraged to sign memoranda of agreement (MOA) with the concerned authorities to construct and maintain libraries. In exchange, all expenses made for the construction of libraries and provision of educational materials and equipment under this Act shall be exempt from the donor's tax. Furthermore, the adopting company or enterprise shall be entitled to have its name published beneath the name of the school alter words indicating that the school is under the "Adopt-a-Library Program".

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
ESTABLISHING AN "ADOPT-A-LIBRARY" PROGRAM, PROVIDING INCENTIVES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Adopt-a-Library Act."

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall endeavor towards the realization of this right. The State further recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector in augmenting the government's efforts to provide an improved quality of life for all and shall provide incentives to mobilize private resources for the purpose.

Sec. 3. Adopt-a-Library Program. – There is hereby established the "Adopt-a-Library Program"; hereby referred to as "the Program", which will allow the private sector to assist a local government unit, public elementary or secondary school, or State University or College (SUC) in establishing and maintaining libraries within their respective jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. Minimum Standard for Libraries. – The libraries established under the Program shall be inclusive of educational materials such as but not limited to encyclopedias, dictionaries, maps and globes. The libraries shall also be provided with at least five (5) computers and a working internet connection.

Sec. 5. Procedure. – A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) specifying the details of the adoption shall be entered into between the private entity and the concerned authority: Provided, That such MOA shall be subject to review and approval of the concerned authority: Provided, further, That the agreement shall last for at least two (2) years with the possibility of extension. For the purposes of this Act, "concerned authority" shall refer to the Mayor, school superintendent, or president of the State University or College where the library under this program is established.

Sec. 6. Incentives. – All expenses made for the construction of libraries and provision of educational materials and equipment under this Act shall be exempt from the donor's tax. Furthermore, the adopting company or enterprise shall be entitled to have its name published

beneath the name of the school alter words indicating that the school is under the "Adopt-a-Library Program":

Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from this Act's effectivity, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 10. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,