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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The English language has been universally accepted and used as the medium of communication in our country.

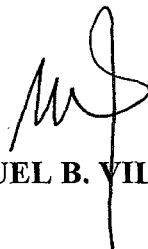
In fact, the people in the provinces could better communicate and understand English than the Filipino language.

On the other hand, government-sponsored examinations, such as the National Elementary Aptitude Test for elementary pupils; the National Secondary Aptitude Test for high school students; the Civil Service examination for would-be government employees and the licensure examinations for teachers, have questions in Filipino.

Understandably, students and examinees who study in provinces speaking in their vernacular, are placed at a disadvantageous position because of their deficiency in the Filipino language.

Thus, to level the playing field, it is hereby proposed that all government-sponsored examinations use the English language as the sole medium of communication.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**

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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS THE MEDIUM  
OF COMMUNICATION IN ALL GOVERNMENT- SPONSORED EXAMINATIONS**

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

SECTION 1. The English language shall be used as the medium of communication in all government-sponsored examinations with the exception of the licensure examination for professional teachers, the scope of which includes the Pilipino subject.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Commission on Higher Education, the Professional Regulations Commission and the Civil Service Commission shall issue the implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days from approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,