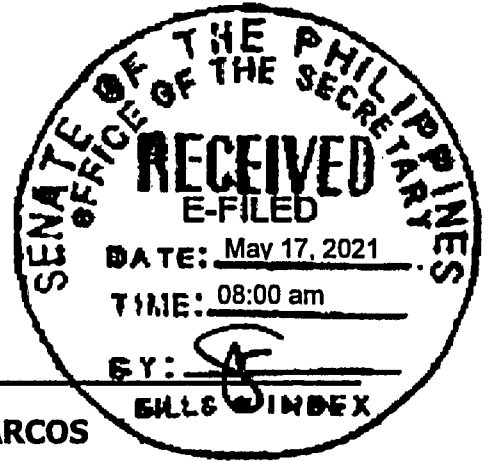


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 22 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development.*"

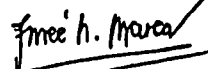
A study of the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) published that the country's indigenous population continues to be estimated at between 10% and 20% of the national population.

According to the World Directory of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples, there is a great variety of social organization and cultural expression among indigenous communities. Some specialize in wood-carving, basket-making and weaving. Others are known for their embroidery, appliqué and bead-making.

Furthermore, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) provides that indigenous peoples contribute to stronger regional and national economies, and possess unique assets and knowledge that address global challenges such as climate change. As such, it is but fitting for the government to provide a mechanism for these communities to foster knowledge advancement, skills training, and economic development.

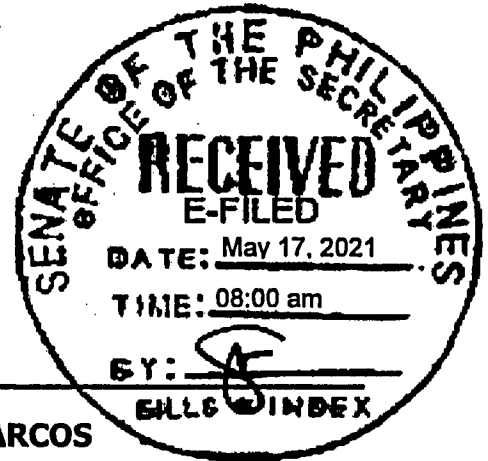
This bill seeks for an Indigenous Training Center be established in the Municipality of Magsingal Province of Ilocos Sur to function as an avenue of learning and gradual mainstreaming of indigenous arts, crafts and culture.

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


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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established an Indigenous Training Center in the
2 Municipality of Magsingal, Province of Ilocos Sur.

3 SEC. 2. The initial funding to carry out this Act shall be charged against the
4 appropriations of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). Thereafter,
5 the amount necessary of the continued implementation and operationalization of this
6 Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

7 SEC. 3. All provisions of existing laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts
8 thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
9 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

10 SEC. 4. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be
11 declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are
12 not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

13 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulations.

Approved,