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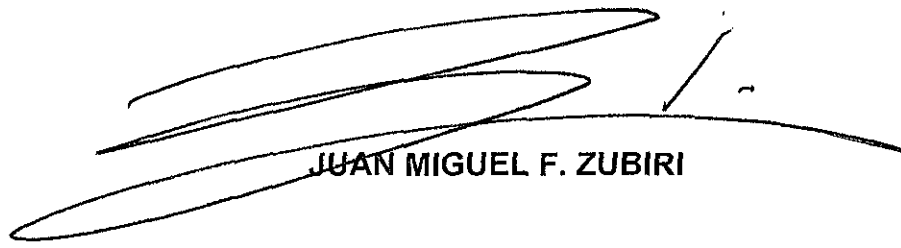
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides for the promotion of environmental consciousness among the people. While the government and some non-government organizations never fail to promote environmental awareness through television, radio and print campaigns, instructional, educational and information materials and the like, oftentimes, environmental protection and dealing with ecological imbalances were not discussed. It is believed that the best way to teach environmental protection is in the school.

Though most schools already teach environmental awareness among its students, incorporated in its Science and GMRC subjects, a subject that will primarily deal with all the aspects of environment is still needed. This will equip the students on ways to deal with environmental problems and imbalances.

A subject on ecology and environmental awareness will make our education complete, adequate, integrated and relevant to the needs of the people and the society as provided for in Section 2, par. 1 of Article XIV of our Constitution. In effect, students will become more ecologically aware and vigilant, understand the dynamic relationships which support and maintain the biosystem and demonstrate practical solutions to the intricacies of the environmental imbalance that the Philippines and the world are experiencing.


Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

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**AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE TEACHING OF ECOLOGY IN ALL ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY LEVELS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, ALL THROUGHOUT THE  
COUNTRY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           SECTION 1. The teaching of ecology as a separate subject is hereby included as  
2 one of the possible subjects in all elementary and secondary levels, either public or  
3 private, in the Philippines. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary reading  
4 materials, booklets and pamphlets dealing with the fundamentals of ecology in relation to  
5 the pressing environmental issues in the Philippines.

6           SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of  
7 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations allotted for the Department of  
8 Education under the General Appropriations Act of the current fiscal year 2007.  
9 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be  
10 included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

11           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

12           Approved,