



SENATE

S. No. 1240

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR AQUINO IV

AN ACT UPGRADING THE POSITION OF THE
PROVINCIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OFFICER INTO THE PROVINCIAL SCIENCE
DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 6959, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
2 “Provincial Science and Technology Directors Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the
4 State to fast track the transfer of relevant and appropriate
5 technologies and services to the rural areas particularly in
6 the enhancement and development of technology based
7 livelihood enterprises in the countryside.

1 Pursuant to this policy, the Provincial Centers of the
2 Department of Science and Technology (DOST) which are
3 the principal instruments of technology transfer and
4 development of technology based enterprises of the
5 government in the rural areas are upgraded through this
6 Act.

7 *SEC. 3. Provincial Science and Technology Directors. -*

8 The position of the Office of the Provincial Science and
9 Technology Officers (PSTOs) headed by a Senior Science
10 Research Specialist shall be upgraded to the rank of
11 Provincial Science and Technology Directors in each
12 province under the DOST with a Salary Grade of twenty-
13 six (26). The Provincial Science and Technology Director
14 shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

15 (a) Formulate the Provincial S&T plan, programs,
16 and projects designed to promote science ad consciousness
17 among the people in the province;

18 (b) Implement and monitor the technology promotion
19 and commercialization projects under the Small and

1 Medium Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program
2 (SETUP) of the DOST in the provinces;

3 (c) Promote the adoption of the appropriate
4 technologies by micro, small and medium enterprises
5 (MSMEs) to improve operational efficiency and increase
6 productivity and to harness the results of scientific
7 researchers and innovations to produce new and
8 competitive products;

9 (d) Disseminate S&T related information and
10 Research and Development (R&D) results through the
11 conduct of trainings;

12 (e) Maintain effective liaison with the public and
13 private academic institutions and other government
14 agencies engaged in scientific and technological research,
15 education, and training;

16 (f) Coordinate with local government units and
17 academic institutions for the promotion of scholarship
18 programs aimed to attract the science oriented students to
19 pursue basic and applied sciences in order to broaden the
20 S&T manpower-base in the province;

1 (g) Coordinate with the public and private
2 organizations in the implementation of manpower and
3 institutional development programs in the province;

4 (h) Act as focal person for the inter-agency meetings,
5 conferences, and other coordinative activities in the
6 province;

7 (i) Responsible for the over-all supervision of services
8 and operations of the Provincial Science and Technology
9 Center (PSTC);

10 (j) Ensure that the quality management system is
11 properly implemented and maintained in accordance with
12 ISO 9001-2008 standard in all aspects of operations of the
13 PSTC; and

14 (k) Perform other related functions as may be
15 assigned by higher authorities from time to time.

16 SEC. 4. *Qualifications of the Provincial Science and*
17 *Technology Director.* – The DOST in consultation with the
18 Department of Budget and Management and Civil Service
19 Commission shall formulate the necessary qualification
20 standards commensurate to the upgraded position of the

1 Provincial Science and Technology Director at Salary
2 Grade twenty-six (26). The current PSTO holding the
3 position for more than twenty (20) years, shall have
4 preference in the selection for Provincial Science and
5 Technology Director position.

6 SEC. 5. *Remuneration and other Benefits of the*
7 *Provincial Science and Technology Director.* – The
8 remuneration of the Provincial Science and Technology
9 Director shall be equivalent to that of the same Salary
10 Grade twenty-six (26) in the government service and shall
11 be entitled to reimbursable representation and
12 transportation allowance commensurate to his office and
13 other benefits as prescribed by law.

14 SEC. 6. *Staff of the Provincial Science and Technology*
15 *Office.* – There shall be a minimum of six (6) technical staff
16 of the Provincial Science and Technology Office in addition
17 to the Provincial Science and Technology Director and in
18 addition of one non-technical officer. The DOST shall
19 determine the level of these positions: *Provided, That*

1 prescribed qualifications shall be in accordance with civil
2 service laws and regulations.

3 SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The funds necessary for the
4 continuous and effective operation of the various offices
5 established under this Act shall be included in the
6 appropriations of the DOST in the annual General
7 Appropriations Act.

8 All fees and charges collected as a result of S&T
9 services rendered by the PSTOs such as, but not limited to,
10 metrological work and calibration services shall be used by
11 the PSTOs in the enhancement of their capabilities and in
12 the maintenance of their equipment and facilities.

13 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* –
14 Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
15 DOST, and other relevant government agencies, shall
16 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
17 effective implementation of this Act.

18 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision
19 herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not
20 affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

1 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – This Act repeals or
2 modifies accordingly pertinent provisions of Sections 2, 3,
3 and 4 of Republic Act No. 6959 and any law, decree, order,
4 rule, and regulation, executive order, proclamation, or
5 other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of
6 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

7 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect
8 fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*
9 or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the
10 Philippines.

 Approved,