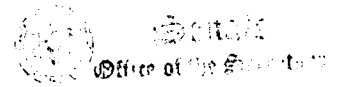


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Rizal Law, or Republic Act No. 1425 was debated heavily when it was passed in 1956. Since then, the teaching of Jose Rizal's novels in both high school and college has been a means for students to appreciate Jose Rizal.

However, the specificity of the Rizal Law in naming the novels as the major focus of the study of Rizal has left the other aspects of Rizal's life and work to be little studied and even less appreciated.

Recent innovations in communication as well as the participation of the creative industries in the dissemination of the life and works of our greatest patriot and renaissance man have bolstered the nation's appreciation of Rizal. Maria Clara at Ibarra, a recent television series that sought to humanize Rizal's characters, as well as numerous plays, conferences, and academic discussions on other aspects of Rizal's life and works have caused a resurgence in interest.

The recent focus on the last four years of his life spent in exile in Dapitan also brought up the lack of further investigation as to his medical practice and his naturalist teachings as well as the curriculum at the school he established there.

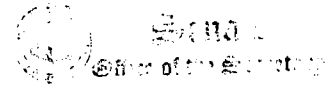
Hence, a renewed interest in Jose Rizal and his imagining of a great Filipino nation is needed and government support for such studies and teaching is long overdue.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



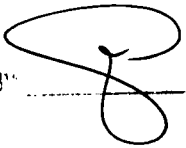
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- 1 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 1425 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 "SECTION 1. Courses on the life, works and writings of Jose Rizal,
3 **INCLUDING HIS SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS AS A**
4 **NATURALIST AND MEDICAL DOCTOR, HIS**
5 **CORRESPONDENCE AND HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN**
6 **DAPITAN, AND** particularly his novel Noli Me Tangere and El
7 Filibusterismo, shall be included in the curricula of all schools, colleges
8 and universities, public or private: Provided, That in the collegiate
9 courses, the original or unexpurgated editions of the Noli Me Tangere
10 and El Filibusterismo or their English translation shall be used as basic
11 texts.
12 The [~~Board of National Education~~] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
13 **(DEPED)** is hereby authorized and directed to adopt forthwith
14 measures to implement and carry out the provisions of this Section,
15 including the writing and printing of appropriate primers, readers and
16 textbooks, **INCENTIVIZING RESEARCH AND FURTHER INQUIRY,**

1 AND INTEGRATING CULTURE, ARTS AND NATURE AS RIZAL
2 DEMONSTRATED IN HIS LIFE. The ~~[Board]~~ DEPED shall, within
3 sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate rules and
4 regulations, including those of a disciplinary nature, to carry out, and
5 enforce the provisions of this Act. The Board shall promulgate rules and
6 regulations providing for the exemption of students for reasons of
7 religious belief stated in a sworn written statement, from the
8 requirement of the provision contained in the second part of the first
9 paragraph of this section; but not from taking the course provided for in
10 the first part of said paragraph. Said rules and regulations shall take
11 effect thirty (30) days after their publication in the Official Gazette.”

12 Sec. 2. Section 3 of Act No. 1425 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

13 “SECTION 3. The **DEPED AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER**
14 **EDUCATION (CHED)**~~[Board of National Education]~~ shall cause the
15 translation of the Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo, as well as other
16 writings of Jose Rizal into English, **FILIPINO** ~~[Tagalog]~~ and the
17 principal Philippine **LANGUAGES** ~~[dialects]~~; cause them to be printed
18 in cheap, popular editions; and cause them to be distributed, free of
19 charge, to persons desiring to read them, through the **SCHOOL AND**
20 **MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS**
21 ~~[Purek organizations and Barrio Councils]~~ throughout the country.”

22 Sec. 3. A new section, Section 3a shall read as follows:

23 “**SEC. 3.A. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. - THE**
24 **CONTINUING STUDY ON THE LIFE OF RIZAL SHALL BE**
25 **INCENTIVIZED AT ALL LEVELS AND INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE**
26 **LIMITED TO HIS LITERARY WRITINGS, HIS**
27 **CORRESPONDENCE, HIS SCIENTIFIC WRITINGS AND HIS**
28 **PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTS, SUCH AS THE**
29 **DAPITAN WATERWORKS AND RELIEF MAP, SPECIMENS**
30 **SUBMITTED IN INSTITUTIONS ABROAD, AS WELL AS**
31 **ACADEMIC STUDIES ON HOW RIZAL IMAGINED THE FILIPINO**
32 **NATIONS AS EXTRACTED FROM HIS LIFE AND WORKS.**

1 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE CHED
2 SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL
3 COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE NATIONAL
4 MUSEUM FOR THE FURTHERANCE AND DISSEMINATION OF
5 SUCH RESEARCH. IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES
6 UNDER THIS COLLABORATION, THE NHCP AND THE NM
7 SHALL UNDERTAKE TO REPATRIATE SPECIMENS AND
8 ARTIFACTS CONNECTED TO RIZAL OR SENT BY HIM TO
9 MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS ABROAD.”

10 Sec. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)*. – Within thirty (30) days from
11 the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance, upon recommendation of the
12 Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
13 regulations for its effective implementation.

14 Sec. 5. *Separability Clause*. – If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional
15 or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

16 Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules
17 and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act
18 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

19 Sec. 7. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
20 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
21 Philippines.

Approved,