

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.

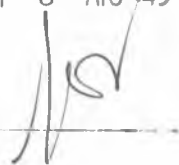
In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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SENATE

S. No. 2653

Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF RIZAL AS A NATURALIST AND MEDICAL DOCTOR IN THE TEACHING OF RIZAL IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1425, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RIZAL LAW

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 1425 is hereby further amended to read as
2 follows:

3 "SECTION 1. Courses on the life, works and writings of Jose Rizal,
4 INCLUDING HIS SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS AS A NATURALIST
5 AND MEDICAL DOCTOR, HIS CORRESPONDENCE, AND HIS
6 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN DAPITAN, AND particularly his novel Noli Me
7 Tangere and El Filibusterismo, shall be included in the curricula of all schools,
8 colleges and universities, public or private: Provided, That in the collegiate
9 courses, the original or unexpurgated editions of the Noli Me Tangere and El
10 Filibusterismo or their English translation shall be used as basic texts.

11 The Board of National Education DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)
12 is hereby authorized and directed to adopt forthwith measures to implement
13 and carry out the provisions of this Section, including the writing and printing
14 of appropriate primers, readers and textbooks, INCENTIVIZATION OF

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

12 Sec. 2. xxx

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

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

22 Sec. 4. A NEW SECTION, SECTION 3A SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

9 Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)*. - Within thirty (30) days from
10 the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance, upon recommendation of the
11 Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
12 regulations for its effective implementation.

13 Sec. 6. *Separability Clause*. - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional
14 or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

15 Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules
16 and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act
17 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

18 Sec. 8. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
19 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
20 Philippines.

21 *Approved,*