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Explanatory Note

The National Library is a service-oriented institution being funded by the Philippine government. It has various collections ranging from reference ~~to~~ Filipiniana materials that include rare books, historical documents and books authored by Filipinos. The rare books collection is considered one of the national treasures of our land.

More than anything else, these books represent the rich cultural heritage of the Filipino nation. These books identify us to the rest of the world.

A close scrutiny of Republic Act 3873 entitled "An Act Changing the Name of the Bureau of Public Libraries to the National Library", however reveals that it does not identify the National Library with the Philippines.

"National Library" is no longer sufficient and even misleading, especially when it is used in international conferences and gatherings of librarians from all over the world. There must be an identifying element in its name that would make it distinctively Filipino, as compared to the National Libraries of other countries. Hence, this proposed legislation.


In view thereof, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 3873 ENTITLED AN ACT CHANGING
THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL
LIBRARIES

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

SECTION 1. The title of Republic Act 3873 is hereby amended to read as
follows:

AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU
OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF
THE PHILIPPINES

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Republic Act 3873 is hereby amended to read
as follows:

Section 1. The name of the Bureau of Public Libraries
Is hereby changed to that of The National Library OF
THE PHILIPPINES.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of Republic Act 3873 is hereby amended to read
as follows:

SECTION 2. All references to the Bureau of Public
Libraries in laws, executive orders, rules and regulations shall
Henceforth be understood to refer to The National Library OF
THE PHILIPPINES.

SECTION 4. Any law, Presidential Decree, Issuance, Executive Order,
Letter of Instruction, Administrative Order, Rule and Regulation contrary to or
inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or
amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect ten (10) days following its complete
publication in any national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,