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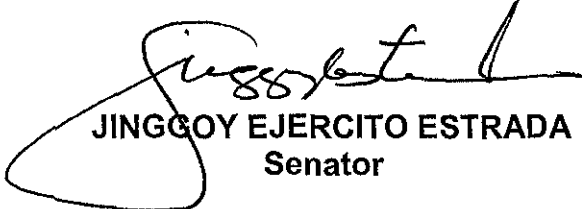
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Consistent with the modern thought that society must live harmoniously with nature, it is incumbent upon the government to instill in the hearts and minds of the young the importance of such harmony.

This bill seeks to integrate in the curricula of all educational institutions including non-formal, indigenous learning and out-of-school youth programs, a course on Philippine society and the environment.

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


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
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AN ACT
TO INTEGRATE IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
INCLUDING NON-FORMAL, INDIGENOUS LEARNING AND OUT-OF-
SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS, A COURSE ON PHILIPPINE SOCIETY AND
THE ENVIRONMENT

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

SECTION 1. The teaching of the inter-relationship, appreciation, conservation, rehabilitation, promotion and development of the environment shall be included in the curricula of all public and private elementary and secondary schools, including non-formal, indigenous learning and out-of-school program.

SEC. 2. The environment shall refer to the bio-physical world of human beings, the maritime, fluvial, and aerial domains, the mineral, coal, petroleum oils, all forces of potential energy, fisheries, flora and fauna and all other natural resources.

SEC. 3. There is hereby created a course with a proposed title "The Philippine Society and its Environment" which shall be added to the elementary and secondary school level curriculum. In addition to the teaching of the inter-relationship appreciation, conservation, rehabilitation, promotion and development of environment, the course shall likewise include the teaching of environmental laws in the Philippines.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations and call upon the assistance of other government agencies, offices, entities and instrumentalities for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication on the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication.

Approved,