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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN E-LIBRARY IN BARANGAY CAGBUNGA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GAINZA, CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

This bill seeks to establish an e-library in the Barangay Hall of Barangay Cagbunga in Municipality of Gainza, Camarines Sur.

Many provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays still have no access to public libraries or reading centers despite the enactment of Republic Act 7743. The law provides for the establishment of "additional public libraries to serve all congressional districts cities and municipalities in the Philippines and reading centers in every barangay".

Libraries are important cornerstones of a healthy community. They give people access to a wealth of information, opportunities to learn, explore and research. However, libraries with actual books are expensive to build and maintain. Technologies can help us with an alternative that need not be as expensive. Setting up computers in the barangay to access e-books and other information is an example. Moreover, an electronic library has, not only text data but also sound, graphics, and motion video, in the form of digital data.

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

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an e-library in Barangay Cagbunga in the Municipality of Gainza, Camarines Sur.

Sec. 2. The e-library established by this Act shall be located in the Barangay Hall of Barangay Cagbunga.

It shall have at least three (3) computers with access to the internet and shall be used exclusively for educational and research purposes only.

The use of the e-library shall be free of charge to the public.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the establishment of the e-library and the purchase of the computers shall be generated from the funds of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

The maintenance of the e-library established shall be the responsibility and shall be charged to Barangay Cagbunga.

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,