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HOUSE BILL NO. 2241



INTRODUCED BY HON. DEAN ASISTIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto 1994, the definition of a public library is as follows:

“The public library is the local centre of information, making all kinds of knowledge and information readily available to its users.

The services of the public library are provided on the basis of equality of access for all, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, nationality, language or social status. Specific services and materials must be provided for those users who cannot, for whatever reason, use the regular services and materials, for example linguistic minorities, people with disabilities or people in hospital or prison.

All age groups must find material relevant to their needs. Collections and services have to include all types of appropriate media and modern technologies as well as traditional materials. High quality and relevance to local needs and conditions are fundamental. Material must reflect current trends and the evolution of society, as well as the memory of human endeavor and imagination.

Collections and services should not be subject to any form of ideological, political or religious censorship, nor commercial pressures”

It is highlighted there that a public library is a source of knowledge and information, and having access to such makes it relative to the right of education. In this regard, on June 14, 1994, our state has established the Republic Act 7743 - or "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES". Acknowledging its importance to the moral and intellectual well-being of every Filipino.

It is undeniable that our urge to seek knowledge and literacy has brought us to the conclusion that education is one of the basic human rights. As a servant of the public, it is therefore evident that I shall provide my constituents with that right. Thus, this bill seeks to establish a District Library in the the 3rd Congressional District of Caloocan.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT LIBRARY IN THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF CALOOCAN CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be an established District Library in the City of Caloocan, Third Congressional District; which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP).

SEC. 2. The Director of the NLP shall appoint the following to manage the Caloocan Third Congressional District Library:

- (a) Librarian III;
- (b) Librarian I;
- (c) Administrative Assistant III;
- (d) Computer File Librarian I;
- (e) Administrative Aide VI; and
- (f) Watchman (Security Guard).

The appointments of said positions shall be in accordance with the Compensation and Position Classification System and other civil service rules and regulations. In addition, their salaries and allowances shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466, otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019," and other applicable laws

SEC. 3. The NLP shall include in its program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NLP shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees or issuances, letter of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and regulations as well as local ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,