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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5283



**INTRODUCED BY
REPRESENTATIVE ANSARUDDIN ABDUL MALIK ALONTO ADIONG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public libraries play an essential role in the social development of our citizens. They increase the literacy rate of the community by enabling access to information and promote the intellectual and moral well-being of the people, especially the youth. Libraries also encourage the passion for reading and seeking new knowledge.

The Lanao People's Park and Public Library under the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur is strategically situated at kilometer 0.00, the original reference point of all roads in Mindanao. It serves Marawi City and various municipalities and communities in the province of Lanao del Sur despite budget and personnel services limitations. For years, it has been the repository of book and non-book materials, and the historical and cultural heritage of the Maranao people and the province of Lanao del Sur.

This bill seeks to ensure that the operational expenses of the library are properly laid out in the National Library of the Philippines' (NLP) annual appropriations allocation. This will guarantee the efficient and adequate delivery of library and allied services; thereby, improving the educational development and citizenship building in the province.

It is envisioned that the establishment of this Congressional Library in the City of Marawi, under the supervision of the NLP, will facilitate its access to adequate funds and extend the availability and accessibility of the books, other reading materials, and research resources to the people of Lanao del Sur.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY IN CITY OF MARAWI IN THE
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE LANA DEL SUR PEOPLE'S
PARK AND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 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 established, under the direct technical supervision of the Director of the National Library of the Philippines, a congressional library in the City of Marawi, Province of Lanao del Sur.

SECTION 2. The congressional library shall be the present People's Park and Public Library in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur.

SECTION 3. The Director of the National Library shall appoint Librarian III, II and I, administrative Assistant Encoder, and such other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, provided that, all appointments shall be in accordance with the Civil Service Act and its implementing rules and regulations, and provided further, that, their salaries and allowances shall be in accordance with the Salary Standardization Law and other applicable laws.

SECTION 4. The sum of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out from the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the library for the current fiscal year. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the purpose of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act and thereafter in the succeeding General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.