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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5791



Introduced by:
Hon. Rep. ROMAN T. ROMULO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the state to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Geo-politically, the Philippines has been situated in some major world events, and the World War II was one such major event that had also etched its mark in the global scene. World War II is commemorated by both allies and former belligerent occupants in the international scale. This great war united the Filipino people and cemented the country as a nation of patriots ready to defend the motherland against a superpower at all costs.

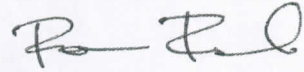
World War II in the Philippines is an experience in our national past which "was felt by every Filipino of every age in every inhabited region of the archipelago" (Alfonso J. Aluit). It showed the magnificent valor and exceptional strength of character of Filipino soldiers, guerillas and civilians alike.

Inculcating the youth with an intensified sense of patriotism, nationalism and respect for the rule of law entails a comprehensive and holistic pedagogical approach to educating them on World War II in the Philippines that will include relevant chapters in world history and, most importantly, in Philippine military history.

This bill seeks to mandate the instruction of World War II in the Philippines in Higher Education Institutions which shall result in preserving the stories about the relentless struggle and great heroism of our World War II veterans; and about the crucial role played by the Filipino guerillas who turned and advanced the tide or winning against

the Japanese which led for the Filipinos to the very freedom and liberties which we are all enjoying right now.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Roman T. Romulo', with a stylized, cursive script.

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**AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTRUCTION OF WORLD WAR II
IN THE PHILIPPINES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

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

Sec. 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “World War II in the Philippines Education Act.”

Sec. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, to foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency.

Sec. 3. **Mandatory Instruction of World War II in the Philippines.** – Pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722 or the “Higher Education Act of 1994,” the Commission on Higher Education (**CHED**) is hereby mandated to develop, in close collaboration with the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office – Department of National Defense (**PVAO-DND**), a course and the accompanying syllabus on “Readings in Philippine History: World War II in the Philippines,” as a mandatory subject in the General Education curriculum of higher education institutions.

In support of the education on the history of World War II all the higher education institutions are encouraged to keep in their libraries adequate books, resources and reference materials on World War II in the Philippines.

Sec. 4. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations*** – The CHED, in close collaboration with the PVAO-DND, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act. Other governmental entities may be tapped jointly by the principals as resource or advisory groups in this undertaking. Likewise, resource persons such as individual college/university presidents or administrators, faculty members and students may also be invited jointly by CHED and PVAO-DND to participate.

Sec. 5. ***Separability Clause***. – If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. ***Repealing Clause***. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum orders, memorandum circulars, administrative orders, ordinances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. ***Effectivity***. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official Gazette or in a newspaper of national circulation.

Approved.