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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Bill No. **3815**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Teachers are the second parents of our children. They mold our children to become good and responsible persons. Their work site is not limited to the classroom. Aside from the backbreaking work of handling classes and dealing with a large number of students, teachers also have to prepare lesson plans, interact with students outside of the classroom, and perform other jobs that may be assigned by the principal or superior.

In a way, teachers perform a regular eight-hour work shift just like any average laborer. Six hours of that shift are spent in the lecture hall, and two hours are spent in lesson-plan preparation, lecture planning and student-parent consultations. Considering the large number of students in a public school class, plus the irritants that come with the system-cramped or altogether non-existent classrooms, the lack of instructional aids such as blackboard, chalk and textbooks, public school teachers are laboring under all sorts of pressure and working against all odds to deliver educational service.

This bill seeks to limit the class hours of public school teachers from eight (8) hours to six (6) hours so that they can devote more time to lesson-plan preparation and curricular development.

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

  
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AN ACT  
LIMITING THE CLASS HOURS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SIX (6) HOURS

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

**Section 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the state to protect the welfare of public school teachers and to raise the quality of basic education.

**Section 2. Limit of School Hours of Public School Teachers.** - To promote the welfare of the public school teachers and to raise the quality of basic education, the school hours shall be limited to six (6) hours only.

**Section 3. Appropriations.** The necessary budget to implement this Act shall be included in the 2011 budget of the Department of Education.

**Section 4. Rules and Regulations.** — The Department of Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act

**Section 5. Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,