



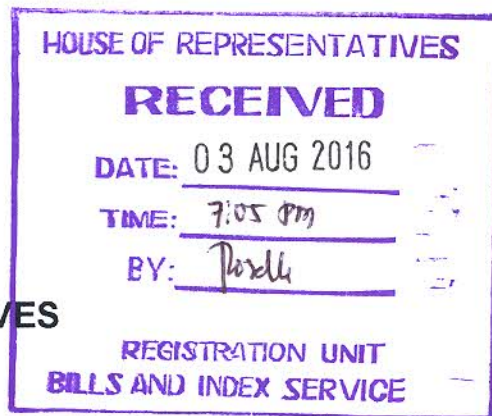
Republic of the Philippines

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Quezon City, Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2516**



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**Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill seeks to create and or establish a Science High School in Maasin City, Southern Leyte to be known as Southern Leyte Science High School.

Maasin City is a third class city in the Province of Southern Leyte, with a population 81, 250 according to the 2010 Census. However, in spite of this vast population, very few elementary graduates of the said province could pursue science education due mainly to lack of resources, facilities and amenities of a Science High School.

The primordial objective therefore of this bill is to encourage youngsters who are interested in search and discovery and have a natural talent for technical subjects. The orientation of the curricula in the Science High School focuses on educating students who have penchant for science and technology.

It is worthy to mention that the Constitution mandates the state to provide education accessible to all, The nearest Science High School in Southern Leyte is one hundred eighty (180) kilometers away, located in Tacloban City. If approved, this Science High School in Maasin City will benefit not only students from Southern Leyte but also students from nearby towns in Leyte which are too far from Tacloban, Leyte.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly solicited.

**ROGER G. MERCADO**



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**AN ACT  
CREATING A SCIENCE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTHERN LEYTE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a National Science High School in Maasin City, Province of Southern Leyte to be known as Southern Leyte Science High School.

**SECTION 2.** The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law thereafter.

**SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules.*** – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,