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House Bill No. 4722



Introduced by Representatives **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Eric M. Martinez, and Rolando M. Valeriano**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

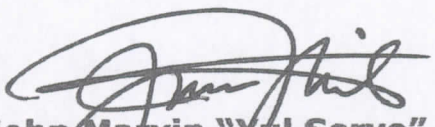
The proposed bill puts into implementation the basic law of the land, such that the State shall "establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the people and society." (Sec. 2 [1], Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution).

Also, Section 13 of Article XIV of the fundamental law of the land provides that "The State shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of scientists, investors, artists, and other gifted citizens to their intellectual property and creations, particularly when beneficial to the people, for such period as may be provided by law."

Pursuant to the abovementioned constitutional provisions, a number of legislative measures were enacted (i.e. Republic Act No. 8293, entitled: "An Act Prescribing the Intellectual Property Code and Establishing the Intellectual Property Office, Providing For Its Powers and Functions, and Other Purposes", and Republic Act No. 8047, otherwise known as the "Book Publishing Industry Development Act") in order to promote the concept of intellectual property ownership and protect the rights of authors, publishers, and other content creators.

It must be noted however, that despite these existing laws and regulations, intellectual infringement and piracy are still rampant in the country mainly because the provisions of these laws are being circumvented. As a response to this dilemma, this bill mandates the teaching of intellectual property ownership, particularly copyright law, as part of the curriculum of all primary, secondary, and tertiary schools in the country. Doing so will instill the value of respect to the intellectual property rights of others as early as possible, which will ultimately lead to a sustained culture of respect and obedience to law in the generations to come.

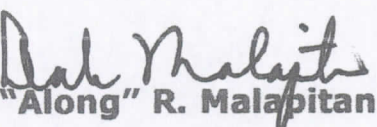
As such, it is high time that we provide a framework that will eradicate the copyright infringement problems our county continues to face. Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



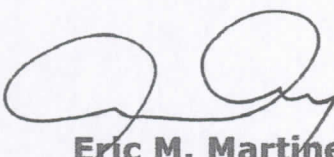
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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP PARTICULARLY COPYRIGHT LAW AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The teaching of intellectual property ownership, particularly copyright law, is hereby required to be a part of the curriculum of all primary, secondary, and tertiary schools in the country.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the appropriations of the Department of Education (DepEd) and/ or the Economic Support Fund allotted to the said Department. Thereafter, such sum which may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, orders, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,