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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Fundamental in our Constitution is the State's policy of providing quality education among Filipino youth. Thus, Article XIV Section 1 and 2.1, provide:

Section 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.


Section 2. The State shall:

Establish, maintain, and support a complete adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;

Currently, both the labor sector and the educational sector are suffering from interruptions in the productive hours brought about by torrential rains and the consequent flooding's during the rainy season due to climate change. These interruptions not only substantially lessen the school days and hours spent by children within the academic year; they likewise adversely affect the productivity of our workforce due to difficulty in going to and from work. Hence, it is essential that the state take preventive measures in this decline in

productivity by adjusting the Philippine Standard Time (PST) by one hour during the dry season. The accumulated extra hour f classes and work hours shall then be accumulated to compensate for the interruptions during the rainy season.

By the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly prayed for.


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**AN ACT ALLOWING THE PRESIDENT TO DECLARE THE
ADOPTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST) IN THE PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. Short Title.- This Act shall be known as the "Daylight Saving Time Act of 2013".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy.- The State recognizes the vital role of the Filipino youth in nation building. Moreover, it is the policy of the state to establish, maintain, and support a complete adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. Furthermore, the state recognizes its commitment to expand productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged. Lastly, the State recognizes the effects of global warming and climate change on the weather systems of the Philippines and the higher frequency of storms and tropical depressions that beset the country and the consequent flooding due to torrential rains during the rainy season which substantially interrupt the students' schooling as well as the workers' productive hours.

Section 3. Adoption of the Daylight Saving Time.- Beginning January 1 of each calendar year the President is allowed to adjust the Philippine Standard Time (PST) by one (1) hour at exactly 12:00 midnight, until June 1 of the same time and year in order to take advantage of the clear sunny weather during Philippine's dry season. The extra hours of school time or work time shall be devoted to off-set the interruptions in school days or work hours suffered by students and workers during the rainy season, thus obviating the decreased productivity of our educational institutions as well as the workforce.

Section 4. Appropriations.- The sums necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be appropriate and shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

Section 5. Implementing Rules.- The Secretary of Science and Technology shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry into effect the purpose of this Act.

Section 6. Effectivity.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.