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EXPLANATORY NOTE

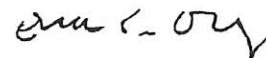
Fundamental in our Constitution is the State's policy of inculcating patriotism and nationalism among Filipino youth through education. Thus, Article XIV Section 3 (2), provides:

"They shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, reach 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."

Currently, the High School curriculum focuses on the appreciation of our national heroes, their works, and their country's historical development. To further strengthen patriotism and nationalism among the Filipino youth, it is proposed that the

High School curriculum, both in public and private schools, should likewise include Voter's Education that will teach High School students the rights and duties of citizenship. Voter's Education aims to teach High School students who are about to be first-time voters, the significance of the right of suffrage, how the voters should evaluate and choose the right candidates, and their consequent duty to maintain the sanctity of the ballots and the electoral process.

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



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AN ACT MAKING VOTERS' EDUCATION MANDATORY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This National government is therefore hereby requested to assume jurisdiction over Victor Medina (formerly Kabighasan Road) and allocate the needed national funds for its improvement.

It is for this reason that the conversion of the Medina Street (formerly Kabighasan Road) into the categorical national road is being sought.

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