

SENATE

S. No. 2261

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS SOTTO III AND MAGSAYSAY JR.

AN ACT PROMOTING AND PRESERVING THE SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY
ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE
SCIENCE HERITAGE CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the
"Philippine Science Heritage Center Act."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It shall be declared the policy
of the State to support and encourage the development of the
country's science and technology program, to promote the Philippines'
scientific contributions to the world, and to highlight the richness of
our heritage in science and technology.

SEC. 3. *Philippine Science Heritage Center.* - There is hereby
created a Philippine Science Heritage Center, hereinafter referred to
as the "Center", which shall be managed, operated and maintained
by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). The

Center shall be the main repository of the country's contributions,
achievements and accomplishments in the field of science and
technology.

SEC. 4. *Powers and Functions.* - The Center shall have the
following powers and functions:

(a) To document the works, ideas, inventions and products of
Filipino scientists, and other accomplishments in the field of science
and technology;

(b) To establish a display area for samples of inventions,
scientific products, memorabilia, references and library materials;

(c) To produce printed materials to be used by the academe in
teaching values education with scientific insights, and which may be
used as an alternative source of information for the general public;

(d) To serve as the core network of science museums in the
Philippines;

(e) To perform such acts as may be necessary for the effective
implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Rules and Regulations.* - The NAST, in coordination
with the Department of Science and Technology and other
government agencies and instrumentalities, shall formulate the rules
and regulations necessary for the implementation of the provisions of
this Act.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount needed to carry out the
provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the
General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into

1 law, in addition to the amount appropriated for the National Academy
2 of Science and Technology.

3 SEC. 7. *Fees and Charges.* - The Center may impose fees and
4 other charges sufficient to cover the costs of subsidizing the operation
5 and maintenance of the facilities of the Center.

6 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, rules and
7 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 repealed or amended accordingly.

9 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any part
10 or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any
11 part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
12 effect.

13 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
14 days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers
15 of general circulation.

Approved,