HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6595

BY REPRESENTATIVES CASTELO, GO (M.), SAVELLANO, NIETO, BARBA, UMAI (M.V.), CUARESMA, LOYOLA, DY (F.), COLLANTES, GONZALES (A.), NATIVIDAD-NAGASO, LARA, SUANSING (E.), JIMENEZ, LABADLABAD, FORTUNO, BARASA, BIRON, RODRIGUEZ, REYES, TUTOR AND TAMBUING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 295

AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Foreign Language Education".

SEC. 2. The teaching of a foreign language other than English, as an elective course, shall be included in the curriculum of higher education.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", shall develop the program to execute and implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The foreign language elective course shall be a basic course for beginners and shall be designed as a three (3)-unit subject to be offered in all higher education institutions.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall issue the rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,