



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8041

BY REPRESENTATIVES CUARESMA, GO (M.), UMALI (M.V.), LOYOLA, DY (F.), COLLANTES, GONZALES (A.), CASTELO, NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO, LARA, SUANSING (E.), JIMENEZ, LABADLABAD, FORTUNO, BABASA, BIRON, RODRIGUEZ, REYES, TUTOR, TAMBUNTING, YAP (E.) AND NIETO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 603

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RESOURCE AND TRAINING CENTER
IN THE NUEVA VIZCAYA STATE UNIVERSITY, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** This Act shall be known as the “*Nueva Vizcaya Indigenous*
2 *Peoples Resource and Training Center Act*”.

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** Pursuant to the Constitution and Republic Act No. 8371,
5 otherwise known as the “The Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act of 1997”, the State shall:

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7 a. Recognize, respect, promote, and protect the rights of Indigenous Cultural
8 Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) to preserve and develop their cultures,
9 traditions and institutions in the formulation of laws and policies;
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11 b. Take measures, with the participation of the concerned ICCs/IPs, to protect their
12 rights and their cultural heritage, and ensure that members of the ICCs/IPs equally
13 benefit from the rights and opportunities which national laws and regulations grant to
14 other members of the population; and
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16 c. Assure maximum ICC/IP participation in the orientation of education, health, and
17 other social services for ICCs/IPs and make them more responsive to the needs and
18 desires of these communities.
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