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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2771



Introduced by: Hon. Mauricio G. Domogan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the sake of equity in the distribution of socio- economic wealth and services, the twenty (20) depressed provinces as identified by the Executive Branch of the Government, cannot be left out while the rest of the nation moves forward towards total development. And it is also a known fact that many of these twenty provinces, if not all, harbor many actual and potential natural and man-made beauty tourist areas that can, if truly and aesthetically developed, attract domestic and foreign tourists who normally bring in much cash to spend and who boost and perk up the economic activities of the tourist affected areas.

But of what use are such actual and potential beauty areas if they are not made to be accessible and aesthetically attractive to such influx of tourists? The national government has to drastically step in to provide directly or indirectly the needed capital to develop said areas so as to attain such worthy ends in the shortest time possible.

Inasmuch as PD 1183, otherwise known as the "Travel Tax Law" as amended, is meant to be the enabling law to provide the primary fund for the Philippine Tourism Authority for the promotion, encouragement, and development of Philippine tourism as an instrument in accelerating the development of the country, it is hereby submitted that twenty five percent (25%) of travel tax collected by the government under Presidential Decree 1183, be allocated for the development and promotion of tourism in the twenty (20) depressed provinces.

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


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AN ACT
ALLOCATING TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF TRAVEL TAX
COLLECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY TO THE DEVELOPMENT
AND PROMOTION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE TWENTY
(20) DEPRESSED PROVINCES.

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

SECTION 1. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the travel tax collections in the country is hereby allocated to the development and promotion of tourism industry in the twenty (20) depressed provinces identified by the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. The Department of Tourism shall determine the apportionment for each province and shall release and remit directly the amount due to each province.

SEC. 3. The Department of Tourism shall, within ninety (90) days upon the approval of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Department of Tourism shall cause the annual publication in a newspaper of general circulation of an in-depth report to the National Government on the total revenues allocated for tourism development and promotion.

SEC. 5. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or any other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,