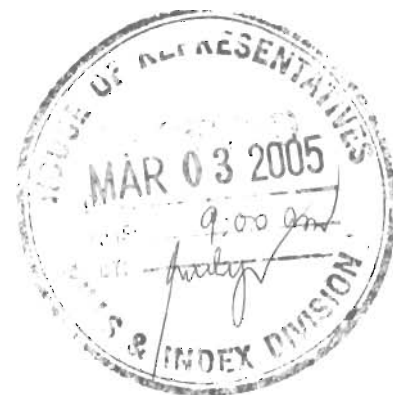


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Most political units of many foreign countries, proud of their heritage and culture, and desirous of collecting and preserving artifacts and other precious objects linked to their histories, cultures, traditions and development, have established museums. Museums are also principal tourist attractions. Even small villages have local museums.

In the Philippines, many provinces, cities and municipalities have existing museums. Considering the big annual incomes in local government units, especially due to the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) mechanism under the Local Government Code, they are capable of establishing museums. While it is desirable to allocate in the National Appropriations Act an adequate amount to finance the establishment of local museums, the National Government is suffering from a huge budgetary deficit. Hence, the only recourse left is to mandate LGUs to establish local museums. This Bill does not require a minimum allocation. LGUs may start small museums, which may eventually develop into modern and well-planned ones.

In view of its importance, approval of this measure is strongly urged.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL AND
BARANGAY MUSEUMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to preserve artifacts and other objects of cultural and historical significance and to encourage and assist local government units to establish local museums.

SEC. 2. Within the second calendar year from the approval of this Act, there shall be established in each province, city and first to third class municipalities a museum which will display appropriate artifacts and other similar objects. It shall be discretionary for each fourth and lower class municipality and each barangay to establish such a museum.

SEC. 3. The appropriations for the establishment, operation and maintenance of such museums, shall be taken from the local government unit's Twenty Percent (20%) Economic Development Fund or any other available source.

SEC. 4. Local Government Units which have existing museums shall be exempt from compliance herewith.

SEC. 5. The Department of Education, the National Historical Institute, the National Museum and other appropriate government agencies shall provide technical and other forms of assistance to the LGUs in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue the Rules and Regulations implementing this Act within ninety (90) days from approval hereof.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,