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EXPLANATORY NOTE

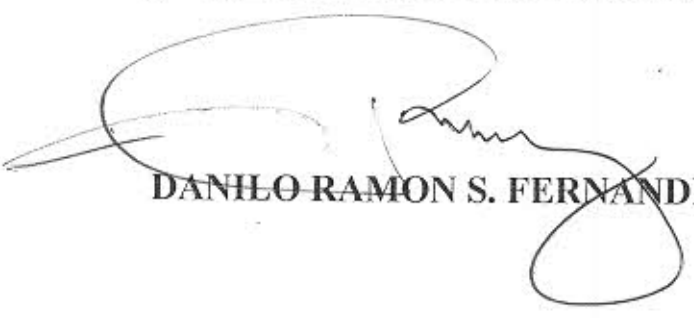
This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 8942, otherwise known as the "National Museum Act of 1998."

The National Museum is the custodian of the nation's artistic and cultural heritage. It provides a venue to instill cultural consciousness and a sense of nationalism among Filipinos through its collection and activities covering science, education and culture.

This bill aims to qualify the use of the museum's income from the proceeds of the sales of reproductions, cultural items, publications, creation, restoration, conservation, identification, earnings from planetarium programs, entrance fees and other auxiliary services to augment its operational requirements.

This bill has been filed by Honorable Ruffy B. Biazon and other co-authors but was never enacted into law. Hence, this bill.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
QUALIFYING THE USE OF THE INCOME OF THE NATIONAL
MUSEUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998"

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

SECTION 1. Section 26 of Republic Act No. 8492 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. [*Revolving Fund*] *USE OF INCOME*. – The NATIONAL MUSEUM IS AUTHORIZED TO USE ITS income [of the Museum] not exceeding the amount of [Two] FIVE million pesos [(P2,000,000.00)] (P5,000,000.00) ANNUALLY derived from the proceeds of the sales of reproductions, cultural items, publications, creation, restoration, conservation, identification, authentication, earnings from planetarium programs, ENTRANCE FEES, and other auxiliary services [shall be constituted as a revolving fund for the use of the Museum.] TO AUGMENT THE MUSEUM'S OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- A) UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES;
- B) REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES THAT HOUSE ITS OFFICES, COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS;
- C) UPDATE ITS INSURANCE PAYMENTS;
- D) INCREASE THE LEVEL OF SECURITY IT CURRENTLY EMPLOYS; AND
- E) FUND EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE REPRODUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF CULTURAL ITEMS, PUBLICATIONS, CREATIONS, RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS AND OTHER AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES.”

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Director of the National Museum shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within one hundred twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,