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House Bill No. 4932

Introduced by Kabataan Party-List Representative Raymond V. Palatino

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15 of Article XIV (*Education, Science and Technology, Arts and Culture, and Sports*) of the 1987 Constitution states that:

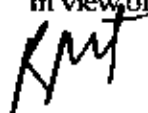
"SEC. 15. xxx The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.

This bill seeks to require all museums and historical shrines, which charge visitor entrance fees, to give free admission for at least two regular days every month.

Museums and historical shrines are institutions and landmarks where a collection of Filipino artifacts, memorable events and other objects of artistic or historical importance may be found. They highlight the country's historic legacies through exposition of artworks, relics and memorabilia of heroes and other illustrious Filipinos that instill pride among the Filipinos. Likewise, museums reinvigorate the youth's passion to appreciate our nation's distinct cultural heritage.

The proposed bill aims to encourage and stimulate the Filipinos to appreciate the significance of museums and historical shrines which represent their identity and cultural heritage. Considering the high cost of living, most Filipinos ignore the opportunity to tour and explore these museums and shrines because entrance fees would mean additional expense on their part.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR FREE VISITOR ADMISSION DAYS EVERY MONTH FOR
ALL MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SHRINES WHICH CHARGE VISITOR
ENTRANCE FEES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Free Access to Museums Act.”

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3 **SECTION 2.** All public and private museums and historical shrines which charge visitor entrance
4 fees shall render free visitor admission to the public for at least two regular days every month.

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6 **SECTION 3.** The National Commission for Culture and the Arts shall, within sixty (60) days after
7 the effectivity of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
8 of this Act.

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10 **SECTION 4.** All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances and rules and regulations, or parts
11 thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
12 modified accordingly.

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14 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
15 or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,