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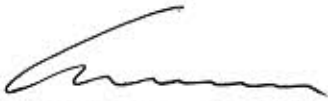
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Museums and historical shrines are institutions that care for the conservation of artifacts and other objects which have cultural and historical importance. They provide an avenue for the commemoration of our remarkable historical events, unforgettable heroes and impressive cultural heritage. Moreover, these institutions in themselves are instructional tools which offer a unique interactive experience to our Filipino school children that incite emotional, mental and cultural curiosity which will lead to the development of their imaginative and inquisitive ability.

Hence, this bill aims to provide our public elementary school children an opportunity to visit the museums and historical shrines free of charge; to allow them to learn history and culture through a different approach, an experience outside the four walls of their classroom where they are given another perspective and new insights on our rich cultural heritage and history.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE ADMISSION IN
ALL PUBLIC MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SHRINES

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 "Free Admission to
2 Museums and Historical Shrines Act".
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4 **SEC. 2.** All public museums and historical shrines shall offer free admission to all
5 public elementary school students every Tuesday of every week during the entire
6 school or academic year.
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8 **SEC. 3.** The National Commission for Culture and the Arts shall issue the
9 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty
10 (60) days after its effectivity.
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12 **SEC. 4.** All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances, rules
13 and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
14 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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16 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
17 *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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19 Approved,