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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The joy of reading is incomparable to any other pastime in this world. To read is to absorb the experiences of the author, character or event which inevitably leads to personal growth. Reading is truly an experience that should be spread and shared with the utmost haste and importance. To deny that experience is to deny our youth the ability to grow and evolve.

A great source of material comes from our nation's public libraries. All forms of reading genre and mediums are collected there. It contains an infinite amount of experience and knowledge that can be absorbed by the minds of the Filipino youth like wildfire. However social, logistical financial limitations prevent youth from far areas to access this wealth of information denying from the joys and privileges of reading.

This bill seeks to share and spread the importance of reading by providing a "mobile library", allowing those with less fortunate circumstances to avail of the benefits of a public library.

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


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AN ACT
PROMOTING THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF MOBILE LIBRARIES,
PROVIDING TACTICAL, AND INDENIOUS INITIATIVES FOR ITS
IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be cited as the “Love for Reading: Mobile Libraries Act of 2014”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is declared a policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the citizens to quality education and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end, the State shall provide the necessary framework and resources for the implementation of educational programs, projects and services; encouraging local initiatives for the improvement of the citizens.

Towards this end, it is the objective of this Act to give meaning and accord full significance to the said constitutional provision by promoting one of the most significance aspects of education. And the same can be achieved through the creation of mobile libraries.

The mobile library is a service or an activity of many types of libraries. It is settled to facilitate users who find it inconvenient to go to the library because of the distance, time, expense, lack of knowledge on library, and the lack of reading habit.

Sec. 3. Government Initiative in the Creation of Mobile Libraries. – Beginning the year this Act is approved, the amount of one hundred million pesos (Php 100,000,000.00) is

1 hereby appropriated from the combined earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
2 Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO). The
3 budgetary support must be continued for seven (7) years or longer, upon reasonable
4 determination of the usefulness, relevance and effectiveness of, mobile libraries as tools for
5 education and empowerment of the citizens.

6 The National Library of the Philippines shall be the main government agency to
7 implement the provisions of this Act. The National Library shall consult relevant and
8 concerned private and public offices, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), members of
9 the academe and local government leaders on matters that will best promote and implement
10 the establishments of mobile libraries and its effective utilization.

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12 **Sec. 4. Incentives for Private Corporations that will Adopt, Donate or**
13 **Establish Mobile Libraries.** – The Department of Finance shall issue the relevant
14 guidelines that will provide fiscal and tax incentives to private companies, organizations and
15 foreign donors that will adopt, donate or establish mobile libraries in the country.

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17 **Sec. 5. Other Activities That Can Be Sponsored by Mobile Libraries.** – To
18 implement the objectives and aims of this Act, mobile libraries can be used to sponsor and
19 conduct book weeks, book fairs, book clubs, recognition rites for frequent borrowers,
20 displaying new books and featured selections / collections, exposition of library instruction
21 programs, among others.

22 Mobile libraries can also engage in sponsoring livelihood programs, walking tours of
23 historic and cultural heritage areas, socio-economic workshops and trainings and others.

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25 **Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – The National Library of the
26 Philippines in consultation with relevant offices shall issue the necessary rules and
27 regulations sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act.

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29 **Sec. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
30 unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

1 **Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
2 other issuances or parts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
3 accordingly.

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5 **Sec. 12. Effectivity Clause.** - This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 complete publication in the Official Gazette.

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8 *Approved,*