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HOUSE BILL NO. 6488



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The children's learning of our country's history and culture must not be limited within the confines of a school classroom. Studies show that bringing the learning experience outside the classroom makes the knowledge more enriching and relevant to the students. Thus, it is of utmost importance that Filipino students experience our rich heritage through organizing trips to museums and national historical shrines.

However, due to budgetary constraints, most public schools find access to museums and national landmarks very financially challenging. Thus, there is an urgent need to make public museums, especially those that exhibit Philippine artifacts, more accessible to Filipino students.

This bill seeks to grant the free admission of public elementary school students to public museums and national historical shrines and landmarks to public elementary school students.

Through this, we are empowering the Filipino youth to experience the richness and relevance of our country's past, instilling in them the core values that make us a nation, and enabling them to be proud leaders of our country. Thus, the passage of this bill is sought.


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AN ACT

GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE ADMISSION TO ALL PUBLIC MUSEUMS AND NATIONAL HISTORICAL SHRINES AND LANDMARKS

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

SECTION 1. All public elementary school students are hereby granted free admission to all public museums and national historical shrines and landmarks, subject to capacity and availability as determined by the National Museum or the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the National Museum and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, in coordination with the Department of Education, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,