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HOUSE BILL NO. 7612



Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mark Twain once remarked that "*one must travel to learn.*" This representation firmly believes that Filipinos indeed learn a lot when they travel. People get to see the development in other nations and this knowledge can lead to further development for our country. Aside from learning, studies have also shown that traveling gives great benefits for the health of an individual.

The collection of the travel tax imposes an unnecessary burden on the right to travel of Filipinos, impairing their right and opportunity to learning from traveling. The need to pay travel tax also limits the chance of Filipinos to get the health benefits from traveling. As such, this representation is heeding the public clamor for the abolishment of the collection of travel tax for all persons. It is also believed that the benefits that unimpaired traveling, which Filipinos will get from the abolishment of the collection of travel tax, will outweigh the income generated from the collection of travel tax.

The bill proposed herein will effectively prohibit the collection of travel tax by repealing any and all laws or rules that allow the same. At this point, it is elucidating to point out that the right to travel is a sacred right enshrined in the 1987 Constitution, to wit: "The liberty of abode and of changing the same within the limits prescribed by law shall not be impaired except upon lawful order of the court. *Neither shall the right to travel be impaired* except in the interest of national security, public safety, or public health, as may be provided by law (Section 6, 1987 Constitution, Emphasized Supplied).

For the Filipino people, approval of the proposed law is earnestly being sought.

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**AN ACT ABOLISHING THE COLLECTION OF TRAVEL TAX
FOR ALL PERSONS TRAVELING FROM THE PHILIPPINES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:

Section 1. Abolition of Travel Tax. – Presidential Decree No. 1183, as amended, is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly. All other related laws or rules which allow the collection of travel tax are hereby declared illegal. Government offices or instrumentalities are prohibited from collecting travel tax on all persons.

Section 2. Prospectivity. – Any and all travel taxes collected prior to the effectivity of this Act shall not be refundable.

Section 3. Implementing Rules and Regulation. - Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Department of Finance and Department Budget and Management, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provision of this Act.

Section 4. Separability Clause. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Section 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,