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MUSEUMS AND NATIONAL HISTORICAL SHRINES AND LANDMARKS**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The recent announcement by National Museum of the Philippines that admission will now be permanently free is a welcome change to all Filipinos. In particular, this benefits teachers and parents of public school students who are eager to visit but were discouraged due to the admission fee that many families cannot afford.

The numerous public museums, national historical shrines and landmarks in the Philippines serve as a rich place to learn about our history, our cultural heritage and our artistic talent as a nation. However, these places are often unknown to or inaccessible to public school students who cannot afford the costs of field trips.

In order to enrich the learning of all Filipinos, this bill seeks to remove admission fees to all public museums, national historical shrines and landmarks, for students enrolled in public schools. In doing so, experiential learning through field trips and cultural immersions will become more accessible to students and teachers who wish to use these venues to share valuable knowledge about our history.

Through this bill, the study of culture, art and history will no longer be a privileged pursuit, but something that is accessible to all students who will benefit from a greater appreciation of our country's heritage.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall also be known as the "*Free Cultural Experience*  
2 *for Students Act*"

3           **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.**- It is hereby declared as a policy of the State to  
4 intensify the affinity of Filipino youth to our rich culture through providing free access to  
5 museums and other national shrines and landmarks. Experiential learning through visits in  
6 museums and other national shrines and landmarks will provide students a deeper  
7 understanding of our heritage.

8           **SECTION 3. Scope.** – The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to all students  
9 currently enrolled in all public schools in the country that are interested to visit public  
10 museums and other national historical shrines and landmarks.

11           **SECTION 4. Free Admission.** – All public school students are hereby granted free  
12 admission to all public museums and national historical shrines and landmarks, subject to  
13 capacity and availability as determined by the government agency managing the museum or  
14 national historical shrines and landmarks.

15           **SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from the  
16 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with relevant  
17 government agencies shall promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations  
18 for the effective implementation of this Act.

19           **Sec. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations  
20 or other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  
21 modified accordingly.

1           **Sec. 5. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall  
3 remain in force and effect.

4           **Sec. 6. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) after its publication in the  
5 Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

6           *Approved,*