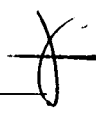


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DERIVED BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Museums adhere to the mission of collecting, preserving, studying, interpreting and exhibiting the cultural and natural history specimens. It is an educational, scientific and cultural institution that preserves scholarly study and public appreciation of works of art, specimens, and cultural and historical artifacts representative of what is unique to our cultural heritage.

In the country, the National Museum carries out permanent research programs in biodiversity, geological history, human origins, pre-historical and historical archaeology, maritime and underwater cultural heritage, ethnology, art history, and moveable and immovable cultural properties as well.

In light of recognizing the significance of museums and giving such institutions a reprieve from being confronted with funding issues, it is proposed that the Charter of the National Museum be amended by increasing the amount it is supposed to be used as revolving fund.

This bill seeks to raise funds to be used for the rehabilitation of the nineteen (19) regional museums throughout the country and, in the process, safeguard the museums' artifacts, paintings and other collections. Specifically, the measure aims to:

- Provide for a revolving fund in the amount of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) to be taken from the income of the museum on the sales of reproductions, cultural items, publications, creation, restoration, conservation, identification, earnings from planetarium programs and other auxiliary services;
- Mandates the use of revolving fund to augment the museum's operational requirements such as, but not limited to:
 - Repair and rehabilitation of structures and facilities that house its offices, collections and acquisitions;
 - Updating of its insurance payments; and
 - Increasing the level of security it currently employs.

Envisioned as the premier institution and repository of our heritage, our National Museum is indeed a significant place that serves as an inspiration to learn from our traditions and to help shape a better future.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
Senator

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section of Republic Act No. 8492 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
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4 "SEC. 26. [Revolving Fund] **USE OF INCOME.** - The
5 **NATIONAL MUSEUM IS AUTHORIZED TO USE ITS** income [of the
6 Museum] not exceeding the amount of [Two] **FIVE** million pesos
7 [(P2,000,000)] **(P5,000,000.00) ANNUALLY** derived from the proceeds of
8 the sales of reproductions, cultural items, publications, creation, restoration,
9 conservation, identification, [authentication,] earnings from planetarium
10 programs and other auxiliary services [shall be constituted as a revolving
11 fund for the use of the Museum.] **TO AUGMENT THE OPERATIONAL**
12 **REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUSEUM SUCH AS, BUT NOT**
13 **LIMITED TO:**
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15 **26.1. UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF**
16 **COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES;**
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18 **26.2. REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF STRUCTURES**
19 **AND FACILITIES THAT HOUSE ITS OFFICES, COLLECTIONS**
20 **AND ACQUISITIONS;**
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22 **26.3. UPDATE ITS INSURANCE PAYMENTS;**
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24 **26.4. INCREASE THE LEVEL OF SECURITY IT**
25 **CURRENTLY EMPLOYS; AND**
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27 **26.5. FUND EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE**
28 **REPRODUCTION/ACQUISITION OF CULTURAL ITEMS,**
29 **PUBLICATIONS, CREATIONS, RESTORATION AND**
30 **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS**
31 **AND OTHER AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES, SUBJECT 5 TO THE**

1 **SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION**
2 **35, CHAPTER V, BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292:**
3 **PROVIDED, THAT NO AMOUNT OF SAID INCOME SHALL BE**
4 **USED TO FUND PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES."**
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7 **SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within one hundred twenty (120)
8 days after the effectivity of this Act, the Director of the National Museum shall promulgate
9 the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this
10 Act.
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13 **SEC. 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
14 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,