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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports, to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

Like the nation itself, Philippine Art has a rich and diverse history. Filipino Art has developed into a variety of distinctive styles from the prehistoric Philippines up to the present. As to date, talented and gifted local artists remain on the scene. These local artists have been persistent in seeking the support of the government for their industry to survive. Unfortunately, the lack of support from the government to provide venues for art exhibits discourages the local artists. Communities lacked events that would allow artists to interact with the public and promote arts and culture in every community.

Thus, this bill seeks to allow the free use of public places for art exhibits of the local artists. The Department of Tourism (DOT) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), shall secure permission from the regional and local government offices to use the public places, upon consultation with the respective local government officials, as the place of exhibits for the artworks of the local artists. This can be a win-win solution for the local artists and for the community. The local

artists will be able to showcase their artworks, and will cultivate public awareness, understanding and appreciation of Arts.

Given the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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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 be known as “*Art in Public Places*
2 *Program.*”

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy* - It is the policy of the State to promote and support
4 the talents of the Filipino people in arts, aiming to cultivate creativity and enhance the
5 cultural identity of the nation. The State shall accordingly facilitate and provide support
6 and opportunities for the establishment of regional and local platforms showcasing
7 such talents and allowing the public to have access to local arts.

8 Sec. 2. *Permission to Use Public Places* - The Department of Tourism (DOT)
9 and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), shall secure permission
10 from the regional and local government offices to use the public places, upon
11 consultation with the respective local government officials, as the place of exhibits for
12 the artworks of the local artists.

13 Sec. 3. *Venues and Schedule* – The DOT and the NCCA shall identify suitable
14 venues within each region and locality for the conduct of the art exhibits. The schedule
15 of exhibits shall be determined by the DOT and NCCA upon consultation with the
16 respective local government officials.

1 Sec. 4. *Funding* – An amount necessary to carry out the aims and purposes of
2 this Act shall be allocated by Congress annually and shall be managed and disbursed
3 by the NCCA. The Fund shall serve the purpose of funding talent development
4 initiatives and providing logistical support to the Regional and Local Art Exhibits
5 organized under this Act.

6 Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - Within sixty (60) days from the
7 approval of this Act, the DOT and NCCA shall formulate and promulgate the necessary
8 implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to ensure the effective implementation of
9 this Act.

10 Sec. 6. *Separability Clause*. – If any portion or provision of this Act is
11 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are
12 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

13 Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause*. – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
14 orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof
15 which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
16 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

17 Sec. 8. *Effectivity*. – This Act take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
18 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,