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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are few statistics available, but it would seem that frequency and level of commotion and untoward incidence involving intoxicated and disruptive airline passengers are rising. Although existing airline regulations forbid the boarding of intoxicated passengers, or the provision of alcohol to such a person is prohibited, inebriated passengers still find their way to cause mayhem and fear in airports and aboard the aircraft.

Airlines must be committed to a program of zero tolerance for disruptive passengers by providing enhanced training for flight attendants and gate attendants regarding serving alcohol, recognizing intoxicated passengers and dealing with disruptive passengers that put the safety of a perfectly normal flight in jeopardy.

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


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**AN ACT
REQUIRING AIR CARRIERS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FLIGHT
ATTENDANTS AND GATE ATTENDANTS REGARDING SERVING
ALCOHOL, RECOGNIZING INTOXICATED PASSENGERS AND DEALING
WITH DISRUPTIVE PASSENGERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Airline Personnel Training Enhancement Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State, in its pursuit of the development and utilization of the air potential properly adapted to the present and future of foreign and domestic commerce in the Philippines, considers the safety, quality, and reliability of air transport services for the riding public, and encouragement and development of a viable and globally competitive Philippine aviation industry, among other things, as being of public interest, and in accordance with the public convenience and necessity. As such, the State shall implement measures to protect air passengers by requiring air carriers to provide training for flight attendants and gate attendants regarding serving alcohol, recognizing intoxicated passengers and dealing with disruptive passengers.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, the terms:

- (1) "Air carrier" means a person or commercial enterprise that has been issued an air carrier operating certificate and utilizes aircraft as its means of transport for passengers or freight.

- (2) "Flight attendant" means an airline employee who assists passengers in an aircraft, serves meals, attends to passengers' comfort, etc., during a flight.

(3) "Gate attendant" means an individual working at an airport whose responsibilities include facilitating passengers' access to commercial aircraft.

(4) "Passenger means" an individual travelling on a commercial aircraft, from the time at which the individual arrives at the airport from which such aircraft departs until the time the individual leaves the airport to which such aircraft arrives.

SEC. 4. *Enhanced Training of Flight Attendants and Gate Attendants.* -

(a) Training Required - In addition to other training required, each air carrier shall provide initial and annual recurring training for flight attendants and gate attendants employed or contracted by such air carrier regarding--

- (1) serving alcohol to passengers;
- (2) recognizing intoxicated passengers; and
- (3) dealing with disruptive passengers.

(b) Situational Training - In carrying out the training required under subsection (a), each air carrier shall provide situational training to flight attendants and gate attendants on the proper method for dealing with intoxicated passengers who act in a belligerent manner.

SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,