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SENATE BILL NO. 1422

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In conformity with the provisions under Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, preserving the cultural and artistic traditions of the Filipinos, to wit;

ARTS AND CULTURE

Section 14. The State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

Section 15. Arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.

Section 16. All the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition.

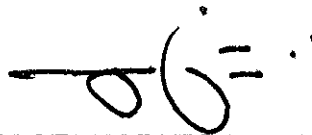
Republic Act No. 8492, otherwise known as the National Museum Act of 1998 was passed into law last February 12, 1998, separating the National Museum from the Department of Education (DepEd) thereby giving the Museum its own separate mandate as a permanent institution.

Said law was enacted to reestablish the National Museum's mandate that is: to acquire, document, preserve, exhibit, and foster scholarly study and appreciation of works of arts, specimens and historical

artifacts. Republic Act No. 8492 is also being pursued to provide for a profoundly new structure in terms of governance, independence, flexibility, sustainability and strong private-sector involvement, purposely transforming the Museum from a dormant bureau-level agency to a dynamic cultural, scientific and educational institution successful in any present-day conditions. Thus, cultural development of the Filipino people through the perpetuation, enhancement and advancement of the Filipino's national culture, founded on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression may be sustained.

Therefore, in order to fortify the significance of the National Museum in every Filipinos lives and to amplify the Museum's operations requirements, this bill seeks to amend Section 26 of Republic Act No. 8492 which is supposed to give the Museum a measure of financial relief through a creation of a revolving fund, allowing the National Museum to use its income derived from the proceeds of the sales of reproductions, cultural items, publications, creation, restoration, conservation, identification, earnings from planetarium programs, entrance fees, and other auxiliary services in the amount not exceeding Five Million pesos (Php5,000,000.00) annually.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought



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Senate Bill No. 1422

Introduced by **SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION AND UTILIZATION OF THE INCOME 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"

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

SECTION 1. Section 26 of Republic Act No. 8492 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. [*Revolving Fund*] **USE OF INCOME.** - The **NATIONAL MUSEUM IS AUTHORIZED TO USE ITS** income [of the Museum] not exceeding the amount of [Two] **FIVE** million pesos [(P 2,000,000)] **(P 5,000,000.00) ANNUALLY** derived from the proceeds of the sales of reproductions, cultural items, publications, creation, restoration, conservation, identification, [authentication,] earnings from planetarium programs, **ENTRANCE FEES**, and other auxiliary services [shall be constituted as a revolving fund for the use of the Museum.] **TO AUGMENT THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUSEUM SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

"26.1. UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES;

"26.2. REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES THAT HOUSE ITS OFFICES, COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS;

"26.3. UPDATE ITS INSURANCE PAYMENTS;

"26.4. INCREASE THE LEVEL OF SECURITY IT CURRENTLY EMPLOYS; AND

"26.5. FUND EXPENSES INCURRED IN THEREPRODUCTION/ACQUISITION OF CULTURAL ITEMS, PUBLICATIONS, CREATIONS, RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS AND OTHER AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES, SUBJECT TO THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION 35, CHAPTER V, BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292: PROVIDED, THAT NO AMOUNT OF SAID INCOME SHALL BE USED TO FUND PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES."

SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Director of the National Museum shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,