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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The tourism industry in the Philippines plays a significant role in the in the country's economy. In 1997, tourism contributed 8.7% of the country's GDP. In the same year, the industry generated 2.3 millions jobs or one in every eleven jobs, nationwide. Projections show that in 2004, tourism will make 9.04% contribution to the GDP and will generate 3 million jobs or one in every ten. In 1998, when the country's GDP registered a negative growth rate, tourism and other allied services registered positive growth.

To maintain and improve the performance of the industry, more funding needs to be channeled into tourism promotions, marketing and development activities spearheaded by the Department of Tourism.

This measure aims to provide necessary funds to the Department of Tourism by appropriating a portion of the fees collected from all passengers departing from all international airports in the Philippines. At present, the Department of Tourism is not among the recipients of this fees.

This bill, if approved, will contribute to the financing of tourism promotions, marketing and developing activities of the Department of Tourism.

Approval of this measure is earnestly recommended.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator

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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING A PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FROM DEPARTING INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS AT ALL PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS TO ACCRUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. **Statement of Policy and Objectives.** It is hereby declared to be a national policy to promote, encourage and develop tourism as a self-sustaining economic activity through which foreign currency and employment may be generated.

SECTION 2. **Appropriation of Portion of International Airport Fees.** Ten percent (10%) of the passenger service fee presently being collected from all departing international passenger at all the Philippine International Airports shall accrue to the Department of Tourism. The said amount will be allocated and disbursed for tourism promotions, marketing and development-related projects subject to existing budgetary rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. **Implementing Rules and Regulation.** The Department of Tourism, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Finance, and Commission on Audit shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the efficient utilization and disbursement of the herein-appropriated portion of the International passenger service fee.

SECTION 4. **Annual Report.** The Secretary of the Department of Tourism shall submit an annual report to Congress on the collection and disbursement of this fund.

SECTION 5. **Repealing Clause.** All acts, Decrees, orders, executive orders, instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. **Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,