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AN ACT  
GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE  
ADMISSION TO ALL PUBLIC MUSEUMS AND NATIONAL HISTORICAL SHRINES  
AND LANDMARKS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Museums and historical landmarks bear the cultural wealth and historical consciousness of a country. They promote and inculcate better understanding and appreciation of the country's collective heritage through protecting and preserving artifacts from the past.

Students remain to be one of the primary patrons of museums and historical landmarks. A visit to the museum provides students alternative learning experience to study about Philippine culture and history. However, some of them, especially those in public schools, are discouraged to visit due to the admission fee that they cannot afford. This monetary constraint renders museums and historical landmarks inaccessible or worse, unknown to many public school students.

In order to promote the importance of these institutions and enrich the learning of Filipinos, this bill seeks to grant free admission to all public museums and national historical shrines and landmarks to all elementary and high school students of public schools in the Philippines. By removing the admission fee, museums and historical landmarks would be more accessible to students, as well as teachers, who seek for an alternative experiential learning.

It is hoped that through the passage of this bill, the pursuit for cultural and historical knowledge will no longer be for the privileged.

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

ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV  
Senator

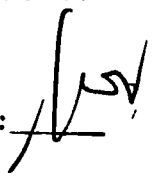


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

- 1           **SECTION 1.** All public elementary and high school students are hereby granted free
- 2 admission to all public museums and national historical shrines and landmarks, subject to
- 3 capacity and availability as determined by the National Museum or the National Historical
- 4 Commission of the Philippines.
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- 6           **SEC. 2.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the National Museum and
- 7 the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, in coordination with the Department of
- 8 Education, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
- 9 of this Act.
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- 11           **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
- 12 Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*