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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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**AN ACT  
REQUIRING A BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL OF TOURISM  
ENTERPRISES, TOURISM-ORIENTED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS  
AND PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS OF  
TOURISM-RELATED SERVICES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 9593 otherwise known as "The Tourism Act of 2009" provides that "the State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socio-economic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos".

According to the 2014 Survey of Tourism Establishments in the Philippines (STEP) conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), "there were a total of 39,325 establishments in the formal sector of the economy engaged in tourism characteristic activities." The total number of workers in the said industry was almost 800,000.

During the first quarter of 2019, the Department of Tourism (DOT) recorded a 7.59% increase in the tourist arrivals to the Philippines.

Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) serves as the indicator to measure the value added of different industries in relation to tourism activities of both inbound and domestic visitors in the country. Records show that TDGVA has been steadily increasing, signifying the importance of the tourism industry in our economy. For the years 2000-2010, its average share to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was about 5.8%. This improved to 14.8% in 2014, 8.2% in 2015, 8.6% in 2016, 12.2% in 2017, and 12.7% in 2018.

Given the vast coverage of tourism and its important role in our society, it is but proper to ensure the safety, not only of the tourists, but of all stakeholders. Those people who are at the forefront of this industry should, therefore, be equipped with first aid skills that they can use in any circumstances anywhere they need it.

This bill requires personnel of tourism enterprises and tourism-oriented non-government organizations (NGOs), people's organizations (POs), and individual providers of tourism-related services to undergo basic first aid training from the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) or other reputable training institutions. It also directs the local government units (LGUs) that the abovementioned organizations are equipped with first aid kits.

This measure was approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives and was transmitted to this Chamber where it was sent to the Archives due to the adjournment of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The immediate passage of this measure is highly recommended.

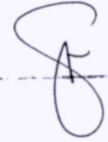
  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. The State recognizes tourism as an indispensable element of the  
2 national economy and an industry of national interest and importance. Towards this  
3 end, the State shall develop the necessary human resources that shall advance  
4 sustainable tourism and the safety of tourists in the country. The State shall ensure  
5 that personnel providing tourism services be equipped with the necessary skills and  
6 training to achieve these objectives.

7 Sec. 2. Personnel of tourism enterprises and tourism-oriented non-government  
8 organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs), as well as individual providers  
9 of tourism-related services are required to undergo basic first aid training provided by  
10 the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) or other reputable institutions offering such training.  
11 The PRC and such other training institutions shall issue the appropriate training  
12 certification for this purpose.

13 As a requirement for the renewal of their business permits, all tourism  
14 enterprises shall submit to the concerned local government units (LGUs) a sworn  
15 statement attesting that their personnel have undergone such training, attaching the  
16 copies of the individual training certificates thereto.

1           The concerned LGUs shall facilitate the registration of personnel of tourism-  
2 oriented NGOs and POs, and individual providers of tourism-related services under  
3 their jurisdiction as trainees of basic first aid training seminar and coordinate with the  
4 PRC or other reputable institutions for the provision of such training.

5           Sec. 3. The concerned LGUs shall ensure that tourism enterprises and tourism-  
6 oriented NGOs and POs are equipped with first aid kits. A periodic inspection for this  
7 purpose shall be conducted by the concerned LGUs.

8           Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department  
9 of Tourism, in coordination with concerned agencies of the government, shall  
10 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this  
11 Act.

12           Sec. 5. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder  
13 of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

14           Sec. 6. All other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations,  
15 rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this  
16 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

17           Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
18 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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21           *Approved,*