COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 766

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on FEB 19 2021!

Re: House Bill No. 8781

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 786


Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Bill No. 786, introduced by Rep. Ruffy B. Biazon, entitled:

AN ACT
REQUIREING PERSONNEL OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS PROVIDING TOURISM SERVICES TO UNDERGO BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING 8781

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. __________, entitled:

AN ACT
REQUIREING PERSONNEL OF TOURISM ESTABLISHMENTS, TOURISM-ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS PROVIDING TOURISM-RELATED SERVICES TO UNDERGO BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 786 with Representatives Ruffy B. Biazon, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano and Ria Christina G. Fariñas as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sol Aragones
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8781
(In substitution of House Bill No. 786)

Introduced by Representatives Ruffy B. Biazon, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano and Ria Christina G. Fariñas

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

1 SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Tourist Safety Act".

2 Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and significance. It is therefore important that the State shall develop the necessary infrastructures and human resources that shall guarantee the promotion of sustainable tourism and the safety of tourists in the country. Towards this end, the State shall ensure that the personnel providing tourism services are equipped with the necessary skills and training to achieve these objectives.

3 As used in this Act, "tourism-related services" refer to services rendered to cater to the needs of tourists which include services provided by hotels and restaurants, travel agencies and
tour operators, tourist guide services, surfing, scuba diving and other water sports organizations, and all other entities providing similar or related services.

Sec. 3. First Aid Training Requirement. - Personnel of tourism establishments, tourism-oriented organizations, and all other persons providing tourism-related services are mandated to undergo basic first aid training provided by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) or other reputable training institutions that shall issue the appropriate training certification for this purpose.

Sec. 4. Role of Local Government Units (LGUs). – In order to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Act, the concerned LGUs shall require all tourism establishments seeking the renewal of their business permits to submit a sworn statement attesting that their personnel have undergone basic first aid training, attaching thereto the individual training certificates.

The concerned LGUs shall cause the registration of personnel of tourism-oriented organizations and all other persons providing tourism-related services under their jurisdiction, and shall likewise coordinate with the PRC or other reputable training institutions providing first aid training in order that such training be provided to these personnel.

Sec. 5. First Aid Kits. - The concerned LGUs shall ensure that tourism establishments, tourism-oriented organizations, and all other persons providing tourism-related services are equipped with first aid kits. Periodic inspections for this purpose shall be conducted by the concerned LGUs.

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Tourism, in coordination with concerned agencies of the government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.
Sec. 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department  

FACT SHEET  
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Committee Referral: Committee on Tourism  
Chairperson: Rep. Sol Aragones  

OBJECTIVE:  
- To ensure the sustained growth of the tourism industry by promoting the country as one of the best destinations where tourists are assured of their safety, and where personnel of tourism establishments, tourism-oriented organizations, and all other persons providing tourism-related services are properly equipped with the necessary skills to respond to emergency health situations.  

KEY PROVISIONS:  
- Mandates personnel of tourism establishments, tourism-oriented organizations, and all other persons providing tourism-related services to undergo basic first aid training.  
- Mandates local government units (LGUs) to require tourism establishments seeking the renewal of their business permits to submit a sworn statement attesting that their personnel have undergone said training and copies of the individual training certificates of personnel.  
- Directs concerned LGUs to conduct regular inspections to ensure that tourism establishments, tourism-oriented organizations, and other persons providing tourism-related services are equipped with first aid kits.  

RELATED LAW:  
- Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the “Tourism Act of 2009”