



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9141

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

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

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

1 SEC. 2. Personnel of tourism enterprises and
2 tourism-oriented nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and
3 people's organizations (POs), as well as individual providers of
4 tourism-related services are required to undergo basic first aid
5 training provided by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) or other
6 reputable institutions offering such training. The PRC and such
7 other training institutions shall issue the appropriate training
8 certification for this purpose.

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

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

20 SEC. 3. The concerned LGUs shall ensure that tourism
21 enterprises and tourism-oriented NGOs and POs are equipped with
22 first aid kits. A periodic inspection for this purpose shall be
23 conducted by the concerned LGUs.

24 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this
25 Act, the Department of Tourism, in coordination with concerned
26 agencies of the government, shall promulgate the necessary rules
27 and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

1 SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
3 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

4 SEC. 6. All other laws, executive orders, presidential
5 decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and
6 enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this
7 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
9 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
10 general circulation.

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