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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243



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A RESOLUTION

URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 248 DATED MAY 29, 1995, EXECUTIVE ORDER 248-A DATED AUGUST 14, 1995 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 298 DATED MARCH 23, 2004 TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASE IN TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR LOCAL TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONEL

WHEREAS, Executive Order 298, entitled "AMENDING FURTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 248 DATED MAY 29, 1995 AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 248-A DATED AUGUST 14, 1995 WHICH PRESCRIBES RULES AND REGULATIONS AND NEW RATES OF ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICIAL LOCAL AND FOREIGN TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, was crafted in 2004;

WHEREAS, Executive order 298 prescribed that eight hundred pesos (Php800.00 per day) shall be allocated for the travel expenses of government officials and personnel, regardless of rank and destination;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 298 further stipulated that fifty percent (50%) of the prescribed travel expenses amounting to eight hundred pesos (Php800.00) or four hundred pesos (Php400.00) shall be allotted for hotel or lodging;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 298 further stipulated that thirty percent (30%) of the prescribed travel expenses amounting to eight hundred pesos (Php800.00) or two hundred forty pesos (Php240.00) shall be allotted for meals;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 298 further stipulated that twenty percent (20%) of the prescribed travel expenses amounting to eight hundred pesos (Php800.00) or one hundred sixty (Php160.00) shall be allotted for incidental expenses;

WHEREAS, the travel expenses amounting to eight hundred pesos (Php800.00) is further subject to reductions, depending on the time of arrival at the place of destination, and departure from such destination;

WHEREAS, the amount for travel expenses specified in Executive Order 298 was based upon the prevailing market prices during the time it was crafted, and thus does not truly reflected the current fiscal situation of the country;

WHEREAS, prices since 2004 have changed, and the real value of the amount of travel expenses worth eight hundred pesos (Php800.00), eleven years ago, is not the same as it is today;

WHEREAS, there is a need to restructure the system of allocating allowances by implementing a periodic increase, following the recent adjustments in the value of the Philippine peso. Hence, travel allowance should be increased from eight hundred pesos (Php800.00) a day to two thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) a day with the following breakdown;

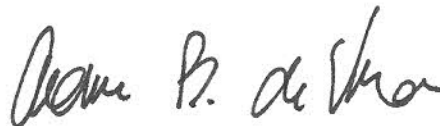
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| 1. Hotel / Lodging | - | 1000 pesos |
| 2. Meals | - | 600 pesos |
| 3. Incidental Expenses | - | 400 pesos |

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government to provide travel allowances to its employees in fulfillment of their official duties and responsibilities

WHEREAS, there is a need to enable a proper representation by giving sufficient allowances that is commensurate to the duties and responsibilities and to the nature of the travel;

NOW THEREOF, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to urge His Excellency Rodrigo R. Duterte to issue an Executive Order to implement an increase in travel allowances for local travels of government officials and personnel, from eight hundred pesos (Php800.00) per day to two thousand (Php2,000.00) per day.

Adopted,



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