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A DECREE ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CONVENTION BUREAU, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the promotion of the tourism and travel industry in the Philippines is a primary concern of the government;

WHEREAS, the growth and development in tourism accommodations and facilities underscore the need for concerted and planned efforts to promote the Philippines not only as tourism destination in the area but also, a center of world gatherings and conventions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an entity be created through which the government and the private sector in the tourism and allied fields can pool their resources, talents and efforts to achieve and attain the above-mentioned goals, along definite guidelines and mechanics.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, hereby decree that:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a body to be known as the PHILIPPINE CONVENTION BUREAU which shall have its main office in the Metro Manila Area.

SEC. 2. Objectives. The general objectives of the Philippine Convention Bureau are:

- a. To create and maintain an organizational machinery to plan, develop and execute a campaign to promote tourism to, and attract international gatherings and events in, the Philippines.
- b. To conduct a continuing program to develop Manila as a Convention City.
- c. To supervise and coordinate all activities for the smooth operation of various conferences to be held in the country.
- d. To oversee the requirements and general welfare of the conventioners.

SEC. 3. Membership. Membership in the Philippine Convention Bureau may be opened to entities, groups or individuals that have direct or indirect economic, social or cultural interest in conventions, such as shipping companies, souvenir and gift shops, manufacturers, exhibit promoters, international friendship organizations, interested national organizations, etc. However, membership in the Bureau for hotels, travel agencies, tour operators, tourism-oriented restaurants, clubs, resorts, tourist transport operators and Philippine passenger airlines shall be a requirement for the issuance of their respective licenses.

There shall be Membership Committee to be created by the Board of Governors whose principal duty is to screen and submit to the Board findings on all applications for membership.

The Board of Governors shall exercise exclusive authority in approving Membership with a simple majority vote of all the Members of the Board.

SEC. 4. Governing Body. There shall be a policy-making body to be known as the Board of Governors whose membership shall be drawn from the government and

private sectors that are directly involved in the planning and facilitation of efficient operations of the Bureau, namely:

1. Secretary of Tourism, Chairman
2. Chief, Office of U. N, Affairs and International Conference, Department of Foreign Affairs, Member
3. Representative, Central Bank of the Philippines, Member
4. President, Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines, Member
5. President, Association of Tour Operators of the Philippines,
6. Representative of Philippine Airlines, Member
7. The Director, National Media Production Center, Member
8. The Director of Special Services, Department of Tourism, Member
9. The Director of Tourist Promotions, Member

The Chairman of the Board of Governors shall be assisted by a Vice-Chairman who shall be elected from among the members of the Board. The Convention Director shall sit in the Board as an ex-officio member.

The term of all members coming from the government sector shall be co-terminus with the tenure of their respective government positions they concurrently occupy.

SEC. 5. *Terms of Office.* The term of the Board Members representing the private group shall run co-terminus with their tenure as officials of their respective Associations. Upon the expiration of their tenure in the Association, they may continue to sit in the Board as long as their retention in such capacity is officially voted upon and endorsed by the Association concerned.

The representative of Philippine Airlines to the Board shall be nominated by the PAL Management and will sit in as Member of the Board until such time when PAL Management shall have withdrawn his appointment in favor of another.

SEC. 6. *Compensation of the Board of Governors.* Members of the Board of Governors shall not be entitled to any compensation except a per diem of P200.00 for every actual attendance of a meeting and expenses for mission or assignment undertaken for the Bureau.

SEC. 7. *Powers and Duties of the Board of Governors.* The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Promulgate policies, approve programs and prescribe rules and regulations necessary to implement the intents and purposes of the Bureau.
- b. Approve the annual Budget and such, supplemental Budget as may be submitted by the Chairman.
- c. Act on the recommendations made by the Convention Director with regard to the organization and staffing pattern of the Bureau and to fix the salaries and emoluments of the officers and employees of the Bureau.
- d. Render annual reports to the President and such other special reports that may be required from time to time.

SEC. 8. *Executive Body.* The Executive Power shall be vested in the office of the Convention Director whose primary duty is to oversee the operations of the Bureau. He shall be assisted by an Assistant Convention Manager.

The Convention Director and the Assistant Convention Director shall be elected by a vote of at least 8 Members of the Board of Governors. The Convention Director shall