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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippines is the third largest English speaking country in the world and that fact presents opportunities for employment for our people, especially in the area of tourism.

In recent years, such opportunity manifested itself with the large number of Korean and Chinese tourists coming to the country for the purpose of learning the English language or practicing spoken English while going on vacation and checking out the tourist spots in our country.

If we go by the statistics of the number of tourists going to the Philippines for such purpose, we have here a sunshine industry which the government should support not only to promote Philippine tourism but also to generate jobs to our countrymen who can at least speak conversational English. That is the very objective of this Act.

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**AN ACT**  
**SUPPORTING THE TRAINING OF ENGLISH TUTOR AND TOUR**  
**GUIDES IN THE COUNTRY**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “English Tutors and Tour Guides Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is a policy of the state to promote the full employment of its citizens, and to take care of their general welfare.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is mandated to formulate for our unemployed citizens who are proficient in the English language a program for English tutors who can also serve as tour guides for visiting tourists in the country. Also, the CHED is likewise mandated to formulate a program for conversational English for tourists who would like to participate in such program.

SEC. 4. The Commission on Higher Education, in coordination with the Department of Tourism and the Department of Labor and Employment shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement this Act with the objective that

such rules will make it more attractive for more tourists to come to the Philippines to participate in such programs, will facilitate and assist said tourists during their stay in the country, protect their safety and health, and ensure that such programs redound to increased income, employment and enterprises generation for our country.

SEC. 5. All state universities and colleges are also mandated to implement the programs mentioned in Section 3 above and to promote and effectively implement the said programs.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.