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Senate Bill No. 2313

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FILIPINO MOTION PICTURES, PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO FILMMAKERS
AND ACTORS CLAIMING HONORS IN INTERNATIONAL FILM
COMPETITIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to encourage the production of Filipino films which are considered world-class and globally competitive. It also recognizes the achievements of filmmakers and actors who are all major contributors to the production of quality films. The following are the salient features of the said measure:

- a) award-winning Filipino films given Best Film prize or its equivalent including those that merited recognition for technical excellence (achievements in adaptation or screenplay, story, cinematography, art direction or production design, musical scoring, editing and sound engineering) in respected international film competitions or cinema festivals are given cash prizes;
- b) Full tax exemptions relevant to the screening of the film and its commercial exhibition, including those levied by local government units (LGUs);
- c) The award winning film shall be considered and shall have the honor the automatic rating of an "A" film being granted by the Cinema Evaluation Board.
- d) The actor recognized in international competitions are awarded cash prizes of one million pesos (Php 1,000,000.00) and the exemption in the payment of income tax, including value added tax for services rendered, for the particular year the actor wins the award.

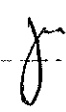
This measure was previously filed by Sen. Manny Villar in the 15th Congress. In view of the foregoing, passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The production of outstanding and world-class Filipino films is
2 hereby declared a policy of the State. For this purpose, award-winning Filipino
3 films in respected international film competitions and cinema festivals are hereby
4 accorded the following incentives:
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6 (a) A grant of Five Million pesos (Php 5,000,000.00) to the film production or
7 entity that produces the award winning film. A grant of Two Million pesos
8 (Php 2,000,000.00) shall be awarded to winners of technical excellence
9 which may include recognitions in adaptation and screenplay, story,
10 cinematography, art direction or production design and other aspects of
11 filmmaking;
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13 (b) Full tax exemptions relevant to the screening of the film and its
14 commercial exhibition, including those levied by local government units
15 (LGUs);
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17 (c) The award winning film shall be considered and shall have the honor of
18 being given an automatic rating of an "A" film being granted by the
19 Cinema Evaluation Board;
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22 **SEC. 2.** A Filipino actor who wins an international award shall be provided the
23 following prizes and recognitions:
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25 (a) A grant of One Million pesos (Php 1,000,000.00);
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27 (b) Exemption in the payment of income tax, including value added tax for
28 services rendered, for the particular year the actor wins the award.
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1 **SEC. 3.** A special fund amounting to Fifty Million pesos (Php 50,000,000) which
2 shall be sourced from the funds of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
3 Corporation (PAGCOR) is hereby created.

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5 Other sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
6 included in the General Appropriations Act.

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9 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall at any time be
10 found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected by such
11 declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

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14 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, rules or regulations inconsistent
15 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
19 following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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