

Republic of the Philippines
SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES
Pasay City

12 MAY 2012

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

P.S. Res. No. 757

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGATIONS THAT CERTAIN BEACH RESORTS IN BORACAY AND PUERTO GALERA ARE OPERATING WITHOUT THE REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to ensure the responsible utilization of the nation's natural resources and assure its sustainability through systematic preservation;

WHEREAS, the island of Boracay and the bay of Puerto Galera have been acclaimed internationally as tourism destinations for their white sand beaches and crystal clear waters;

WHEREAS, the large influx of tourists to Boracay and Puerto Galera resulted in a huge demand for the construction of more hotels, resorts and other tourist facilities along their shores;

WHEREAS, the law requires that resort owners must secure the necessary permits with certain government agencies including but not limited to building permits, mayor's permit and environmental compliance certificate (ECC);

WHEREAS, news reports indicated that a certain resort in Boracay island was said to be operating without the necessary ECC and is a potential ecological threat to Boracay having been established in a declared no-build zone;

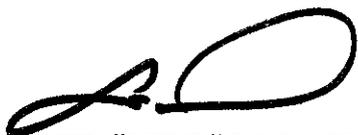
WHEREAS, another report indicated certain resorts in Puerto Galera which were allowed to be constructed without the necessary ECC, have drainage systems that go directly into the beach;

WHEREAS, these reported irregularities will soon take its toll on the natural beauty of these world renowned beaches and may result to gross consequences if remained unchecked;

WHEREAS, efforts should be initiated to ensure a more managed utilization of Boracay and Puerto Galera which has perennially been the top tourist destinations of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Senate Committee on Tourism and the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, into the allegations that certain beach resorts and facilities in Boracay and Puerto Galera are operating without the required environmental compliance certificate with the end in view of enacting measures to address the same.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID