



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6216

BY REPRESENTATIVES APOSTOL, ESPINA, SALVACION AND MATUGAS,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2196

AN ACT PROHIBITING ANY NATURAL OR JURIDICAL PERSON OR
PERSONS TO ENGAGE IN MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN THE
CARIGARA BAY AREA, LOCATED BETWEEN THE NORTHERN
PORTION OF LEYTE PROVINCE AND BILIRAN PROVINCE,
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
2 protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology
3 in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

4 Pursuant thereto, utmost care should be taken to preserve marine
5 resources and ecosystems which are the primary sources of food, income and
6 recreation specially of local communities that rely on them.

7 SEC. 2. *Prohibition.* – No person, firm, entity or group of persons or
8 entities, whether or not licensed to engage in mining operations, is allowed to
9 undertake any mining activity within the Carigara Bay area covering the
10 municipalities of Babatngon, San Miguel, Barugo, Carigara, Capoocan and

1 Calubian in Leyte Province and the municipalities of Biliran, Cabucgayan and
2 Caibiran in Biliran Province.

3 For purposes of this Act, the term "mining activity" shall refer to the
4 extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials from the earth,
5 from an ore body, vein or (coal) seam.

6 SEC. 3. *Penal Provision.* – Any person, entity or a group of persons
7 or entities found to have violated or have not complied with any of the
8 provisions of this Act shall suffer the penalty of revocation of the mining
9 permits and payment of a fine of not less than One million pesos
10 (P1,000,000.00): *Provided*, That the owners, officers and employees of firms
11 or entities who violate any provision of this Act shall also be held liable and be
12 subject to imprisonment of not less than one (1) year but not more than three
13 (3) years.

14 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All others laws, decrees, orders,
15 issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of
16 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

17 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of
18 this Act or any part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other
19 sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

20 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
21 its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation and two (2)
22 newspapers of general circulation in the provinces of Leyte and Biliran.

Approved,

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