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SARMIENTO (C.), ILAGAN, MERCADO (R.), EVARDONE, PANCHO AND
CERILLES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2200

AN ACT DECLARING THE SECOND DISTRICT OF SORSOGON A
MINING-FREE ZONE 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.* – The Second District of Sorsogon
2 is hereby declared a mining-free zone and all mining operations therein are
3 hereby prohibited.

4 SEC. 2. *Coverage.* – As used in this Act, mining shall refer to the
5 extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials, excluding gravel
6 and sand. This shall include small-scale and large-scale mining activities
7 involving exploration, feasibility, development, utilization and processing.

8 SEC. 3. *Penal Provision.* – Any person, employee or employment
9 agency who shall violate the provisions of this Act shall be penalized with
10 imprisonment of at least six (6) years but not more than twelve (12) years and a
11 fine of at least One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but not more than
12 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00). If the violator is a corporation or

1 association, the president and the manager/s of said corporation or association,
2 or its agent or representative in the Philippines, in case of a foreign corporation
3 or association, shall be held liable.

4 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within one (1) month
5 after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of
6 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall promulgate the necessary
7 rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

8 SEC. 5. *Transitory Provision.* – Upon the approval of this Act, the
9 Provincial Government of Sorsogon, in coordination with the DENR, shall
10 review the contracts, agreements and permits entered into and/or issued to all
11 existing mining operations and determine those to be terminated and those to
12 be allowed to continue until such period that their contracts, agreements or
13 permits may allow.

14 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
15 regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
16 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

17 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
18 its publication in the *Official Gazette* and at least two (2) newspapers of
19 general circulation.

Approved,