



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2165

BY REPRESENTATIVE DELOS-O-MONTALLA

AN ACT DECLARING MT. TAPULAO IN ZAMBALES AS AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE AND PROTECTED AREA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy
2 of the State to promote a sustainable ecotourism industry to attract local and
3 foreign tourists while making them aware of the urgent need to preserve the
4 blessings of nature.

5 SEC. 2. *Mt. Tapulao Ecotourism Zone and Protected Area.* –
6 Mt. Tapulao is hereby declared an ecotourism zone and the area of five
7 thousand (5,000) hectares of the said mountain is hereby declared as a
8 protected area under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS).
9 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall, within
10 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, make an inventory of the
11 existing flora and fauna in Mt. Tapulao that shall serve as the basis for a master
12 plan that will be developed for the purpose of this Act.

1 SEC. 3. *Mt. Tapulao Ecotourism Governing Board.* – For the purpose
2 of Section 2 of this Act, an ecotourism governing board, to be known as the
3 Mt. Tapulao Ecotourism Governing Board, is hereby created. The Board shall
4 be composed of the Representative of the Second District of Zambales who
5 shall act as chair, the Secretaries of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the
6 DENR or their duly authorized representatives, a member of a nongovernment
7 organization whose advocacy is environmental preservation, a member of the
8 academe, a representative of the business sector, a representative of the private
9 sector and the local chief executives of municipalities where Mt. Tapulao
10 is situated. The governing board shall prepare the rules and regulations
11 necessary for the full implementation by the concerned local government units
12 of the provisions of this Act and shall, as the need arises, amend, modify or
13 revise such rules and regulations to meet the needs of changing times.

14 SEC. 4. *Mt. Tapulao Ecotourism Master Plan.* – The DENR and the
15 DOT shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from approval of this Act,
16 develop a master plan to be approved by the President of the Republic of the
17 Philippines upon the recommendation of the governing board.

18 SEC. 5. *Appropriation.* – The Secretary of the DOT shall include in
19 the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
20 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally
21 generated funds of the Department.

22 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, executive
23 orders, presidential decrees or any other issuance contrary to or inconsistent
24 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified
25 accordingly.

26 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act may
27 be declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions which are not affected
28 shall remain in full force and effect.

1 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
2 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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