



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5660

BY REPRESENTATIVE DE VENECIA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 670

AN ACT DECLARING THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY OF MANAOAG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
MANAOAG, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS A PILGRIMAGE
SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag is
2 hereby declared a pilgrimage site and tourist destination. As such, its
3 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and
4 other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of pilgrimage sites and tourist destinations.

6 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public
7 Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies of the
8 government shall, immediately after the approval of this Act, prepare a
9 development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of
10 such appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall improve the overall
11 features of the area, thereby ensuring accessibility and the security of the

1 pilgrims and tourists: *Provided*, That the said development plan shall ensure
2 the preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the area.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take
4 immediate steps in implementing the appropriate tourism development for the
5 Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag and shall incorporate the same
6 in its overall development plans and programs for national implementation.

7 SEC. 4. The DOT, in consultation with the local government unit of
8 Manaoag, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
9 implementation of this Act.

10 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
11 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
12 included in the annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated
13 funds of the DOT.

14 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
15 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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