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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 443

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Tourism on JAN 27 2016

Re : House Bill No. 6152, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2981.

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsors : Senators Escudero and Legarda.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Tourism to which were referred House Bill No. 6152, Introduced by Representatives Abad, Relampagos, Alvarez (F.), Cagas, Lanete, Abueg, Dimaporo (I.), Fortun, Pichay and Reyes, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BATANES AS A RESPONSIBLE,  
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ZONE"**

and Senate Bill No. 2981, introduced by Senator Aquino IV, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report these bills back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 6152, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2981, be approved with an amendment on page 3, line 16, between the words "other" and "worship", insert the phrase "PLACES OF".

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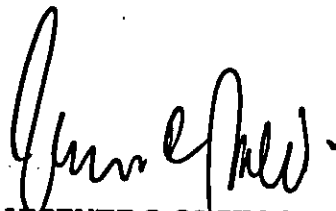
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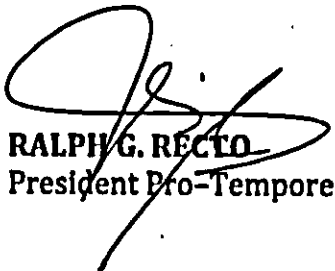


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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6152

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ABAD, RELAMPAGOS, ALVAREZ (F.), CAGAS, LANETE,  
ABUEG, DIMAPORO (I.), FORTUN, PICHAY AND REYES, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 889

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### AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BATANES AS A RESPONSIBLE, COMMUNITY-BASED CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ECOTOURISM ZONE

*Be It enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
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1           SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Batanes  
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5 their cultures, traditions, and institutions, and considers these rights in the  
6 formulation of national plans and policies.

7           The State is further mandated to promote a tourism industry that is  
8 ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive,  
9 economically viable and equitable for local communities. Towards this end,  
10 the Province of Batanes is hereby declared a cultural heritage and ecotourism  
11 zone. It shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism

1 (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the  
2 development of cultural heritage and ecotourism zones. The promotion of the  
3 following inherent values and characteristics which influence the uniqueness  
4 of the Ivatan culture and the beauty of the Islands of Batanes shall be pursued  
5 in the development and management of the tourism industry in the Province:  
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7 and cultural heritage; and (c) the resilience of its indigenous social institutions.

8 **SEC. 3. Objectives.** – Pursuant to the above declaration of policy, the  
9 State shall endeavor to accomplish the following objectives:

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11 cultural tourism as the core management strategy in the development and  
12 growth of Batanes;

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14 the unique heritage and culture of the Province;

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19 relevant national government agencies, such as the DENR, the NCIP, the  
20 NCCA, the National Historical Commission, the National Museum, the  
21 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Public  
22 Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Transportation and  
23 Communications (DOTC), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the  
24 Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Education  
25 (DepED), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Department of the  
26 Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Philippine National Police (PNP),  
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28 Authority (PPA) in the implementation of this Act.

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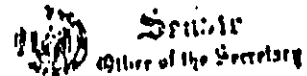
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7 Act or part hereof is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions  
8 not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

9           **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
10 presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts  
11 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or  
12 modified accordingly.

13           **SEC. 12. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
14 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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SENATE  
S.B. No. 2981

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Introduced by: Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

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**AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BATANES AS A RESPONSIBLE, COMMUNITY-BASED, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ECOTOURISM ZONE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

As travelers journey across our archipelago, they find wondrous natural beauty and diverse indigenous cultures just waiting to be discovered.

It is no wonder that the number of tourists entering the Philippines has increased to over 2.6 million in the first half of this year (2015) and is set to surpass the Department of Tourism's (DOT) target of 5 million by yearend.

As we accommodate more foreign tourists and as more Filipinos decide to explore our own shores, it is imperative that we establish policies that seek to preserve our natural environment and foster our local, indigenous cultures, such as that of the Ivatans in Batanes.

For the past 230 years, local residents have safeguarded the Batanes Heritage Area. But with the increasing popularity of the province as a tourist destination in the recent decade, it is high time that we provide it with the well-deserved support.

Hence, the Batanes Responsible Tourism Act of 2015 endeavors to create a responsible, community-based eco-tourism zone to promote the rich Ivatan culture and the unique environment of the province.

The DOT and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall provide resources and programs that will promote and protect the heritage of the province.

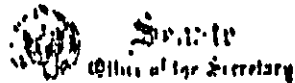
Furthermore, the measure aims to develop indigenous tourism products and programs that will generate sustainable employment and livelihood for the locals, together with the local government and other agencies.

As we stay true on the path where every Filipino family experiences meaningful economic growth, let's ensure the development and preservation of the Ivatan heritage and the pristine beauty of Batanes with the Batanes Responsible Tourism Act of 2015.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

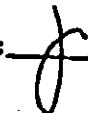
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8 government agencies and stakeholders, shall, within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Act,  
9 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

10 **SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the  
11 remainder or any of this provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

12 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances  
13 and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this  
14 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

15 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at  
16 least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

17 Approved,