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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## H. No. 8510

By Representatives Siao, Nograles (K.A.), Bravo (A.) and Sy-Alvarado, per Committee Report No. 916

AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF ILIGAN A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The City of Iligan is hereby declared a tourism development area. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism development areas.

SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare the necessary tourism development plan for the City of Iligan, providing for its promotion and sustainability, including the improvement and restoration of tourism sites in conformity with set standards, and the construction of hotels, resorts, restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate infrastructure: *Provided*, That the

- development plan shall ensure the preservation of the ecological balance and natural beauty of the area concerned.
- SEC. 3. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the DOT, shall immediately assess, plan and include in its program the construction or improvement of roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects, upon promulgation of this Act.
- SEC. 4. The Secretaries of the DOT and the DPWH shall include in their respective Department's program the proper implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or charged against the internally generated funds of their Departments.
- SEC. 5. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the provisions of this Act and incorporate it in the DOT's overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) for the ensuing year.
- SEC. 6. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,