



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8978

BY REPRESENTATIVE PANOTES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1155

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE
A TOURISM DESTINATION AND THE SURFING CAPITAL
OF THE BICOL REGION

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Surfing Capital
2 of the Bicol Region Act".

3 SEC. 2. The Province of Camarines Norte is hereby declared
4 a tourism destination and the Surfing Capital of the Bicol Region.
5 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
6 Tourism (DOT) and other concerned government agencies, subject
7 to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
8 destinations.

9 SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the
10 DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and
11 Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and
12 other concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism
13 development plan involving the construction, installation, and
14 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that
15 shall develop and promote the beaches and surfing activities of the
16 province, improve accessibility and ensure the security of tourists.

1 SEC. 4. The DOT, in coordination with other concerned
2 government agencies, shall take immediate steps to implement the
3 development plan and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
4 development programs for the ensuing calendar year.

5 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
6 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding
7 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
8 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

9 SEC. 6. Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this
10 Act, the DOT, in consultation with the local government of the
11 Province of Camarines Norte, shall formulate the necessary rules
12 and regulations for its proper implementation.

13 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of
15 general circulation.

Approved,

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