



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9137

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS, CASTRO (F.H.), ROA-PUNO, HOFER, ORTEGA (V.N.), PALMA, NOEL, SALO, GONZALES (A.P.), PIMENTEL, SAVELLANO, GARIN (R.), GARCIA (J.E.), FORTUN, BRAVO (A.), BERTIZ, CAMPOS, SALON, BELARO, GULLAS, TEJADA, VIOLAGO, ZUBIRI, ALEJANO, GONZALES (A.D.), CHIPECO, BORDADO, GO (M.), MANGAOANG, CARL, TREÑAS, FERNANDO, NUÑEZ-MALANYAON, BATAOIL, CUARESMA, ROMUALDO, SILVERIO, DALIPE, CALDERON, MARCOLETA AND VERGARA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1295

AN ACT DECLARING THE TAMBALIZA ISLAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 "Tambaliza Island
2 Ecotourism Zone Act".

3 SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
4 promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable,
5 responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable
6 and equitably beneficial to local communities.

7 SEC. 3. The Tambaliza Island consisting of three (3)
8 barangays, namely: Barangay Macatunao, Barangay Talutuan, and
9 Barangay Tambaliza located in the Municipality of Concepcion,
10 Province of Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be
11 known as Tambaliza Island Ecotourism Zone. As such, its
12 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism

1 (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing
2 the development of ecotourism zones.

3 The DOT shall prepare a development plan for Tambaliza
4 Island and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism
5 Development Plan. The plan shall be implemented jointly with the
6 Municipality of Concepcion, the Department of Environment and
7 Natural Resources (DENR) and the Tourism Infrastructure and
8 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA).

9 The DOT, in coordination with the Municipality of
10 Concepcion, the DENR, TIEZA and other concerned agencies of the
11 government, shall delineate well-defined geographic areas within
12 the Tambaliza Island Ecotourism Zone and coordinate the
13 integrated development of the area for the optimum use of natural
14 assets and attractions. The development shall ensure the
15 preservation of the *flora* and *fauna* and perpetuate the historic
16 significance of the identified tourist attractions.

17 SEC. 4. The Secretaries of the DOT, DENR and the Chief
18 Operating Officer of the TIEZA shall include in their respective
19 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
20 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from
21 internally generated funds of the DOT.

22 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
23 the Secretary of the DOT, in consultation with the DENR, the
24 TIEZA and the Municipality of Concepcion, shall promulgate the
25 necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
26 this Act.

27 SEC. 6. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations and
28 other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this
29 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

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