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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7696
(In Substitution of House Bill No. 2696)

Introduced by Representative Marisol C. Panotes

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

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

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

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

7 **Sec. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
8 with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public
9 Works and Highways (DPWH), the provincial government of Camarines Norte and other
10 concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing, among
11 others, the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and

1 infrastructure that shall develop and promote the beaches and surfing activities in the
2 Province, improve accessibility and ensure the security of tourists.

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

6 **Sec. 5.** The Secretaries of the DOT, DPWH and DENR shall include in their
7 respective Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
8 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of
9 the DOT.

10 **Sec. 6.** Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in
11 consultation with the provincial government of Camarines Norte and other concerned
12 government agencies, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper
13 implementation.

14 **Sec.7.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other
15 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
16 amended accordingly.

17 **Sec. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
18 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,