



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8440

BY REPRESENTATIVES LIMKAICHONG, BARZAGA AND YAP (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 711

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE HINAKPAN MYSTICAL HILLS IN THE CITY OF
GUIHULNGAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER
THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL MONUMENT UNDER THE NATIONAL
INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), AND
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”**

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to
2 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology. Towards this
3 end, the State shall ensure the protection and conservation of the biodiversity,
4 landscape, and the existing flora and fauna of the Hinakpan Mystical Hills, and to
5 promote its biological, and socio-cultural significance to the people of Negros
6 Oriental.

7 **SEC. 2. *Declaration as Protected Area.*** – The Hinakpan Mystical Hills is
8 hereby declared a protected area under the category of natural monument pursuant
9 to Republic Act No. 7586, or “The National Integrated Protected Areas System
10 (NIPAS) Act”, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038 or the “Expanded National
11 Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018”.

12 **SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.*** – The boundaries of the Hinakpan Mystical
13 Hills Natural Monument are more particularly described as follows:

1 a. The Core Zone pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1" on
 2 plan, which is S 85° 18' 25" W, 3,549.926 meters from PRS92 NGE-63 with
 3 geographic coordinates of 10°9'55.45478" Latitude and 123°13'0.07351" Longitude
 4 located at Barangay Villegas, Sitio Ampul, Guihulngan City, Province of Negros
 5 Oriental,

6	thence	N 84-59-54 W	1716.988 meters	to corner 2;
7	thence	N 74-30-18 W	1836.587 meters	to corner 3;
8	thence	N 23-50-41 W	538.646 meters	to corner 4;
9	thence	N 13-10-0 E	598.106 meters	to corner 5;
10	thence	N 55-58-10 E	560.586 meters	to corner 6;
11	thence	N 14-32-9 W	982.593 meters	to corner 7;
12	thence	N 53-27-8 E	780.505 meters	to corner 8;
13	thence	N 35-6-5 E	795.034 meters	to corner 9;
14	thence	S 87-12-56 E	1018.013 meters	to corner 10;
15	thence	S 54-34-3 E	823.244 meters	to corner 11;
16	thence	S 32-0-43 E	3460.966 meters	to corner 12;
17	thence	S 63-20-1 W	1412.88 meters	to corner 1,

18 and comprises one thousand three hundred thirty-one (1,331) hectares, more or less.

19 b. The Buffer Zone pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1"
 20 on plan, which is S 85° 18' 25" W, 3,549.925 meters from PRS92 NGE-63 with
 21 geographic coordinates of 10°9'55.45478" Latitude and 123°13'0.07351" Longitude
 22 located at Barangay Villegas, Sitio Ampul, Guihulngan City, Province of Negros
 23 Oriental,

24	thence	N 84-59-54 W	1716.988 meters	to corner 2;
25	thence	N 74-30-18 W	1836.587 meters	to corner 3;
26	thence	N 23-50-41 W	538.646 meters	to corner 4;
27	thence	N 13-10-0 E	598.106 meters	to corner 5;
28	thence	N 55-58-10 E	560.586 meters	to corner 6;
29	thence	N 14-32-9 W	982.593 meters	to corner 7;
30	thence	N 53-27-8 E	780.505 meters	to corner 8;

1	thence N 35-6-5 E	795.034 meters	to corner 9;
2	thence S 87-12-56 E	1018.013 meters	to corner 10;
3	thence S 54-34-3 E	823.244 meters	to corner 11;
4	thence S 32-0-43 E	3460.966 meters	to corner 12;
5	thence S 63-20-1 W	1412.87 meters	to corner 13;
6	thence S 11-13-19 E	41.971 meters	to corner 14;
7	thence N 63-21-5 E	1469.971 meters	to corner 15;
8	thence N 32-2-24 W	3513.272 meters	to corner 16;
9	thence N 54-37-57 W	840.972 meters	to corner 17;
10	thence N 87-3-36 W	1053.564 meters	to corner 18;
11	thence S 35-4-26 W	811.003 meters	to corner 19;
12	thence S 53-27-28 W	801.273 meters	to corner 20;
13	thence S 14-33-6 E	981.275 meters	to corner 21;
14	thence S 56-2-37 W	547.982 meters	to corner 22;
15	thence S 13-7-8 W	628.032 meters	to corner 23;
16	thence S 23-50-46 E	570.557 meters	to corner 24;
17	thence S 74-31-0 E	1860.84 meters	to corner 25;
18	thence S 84-59-11 E	1730.933 meters	to corner 1,

19 and comprises fifty-nine (59) hectares, more or less.

20 **SEC. 4. Management and Institutional Mechanisms.** – A Protected Area
 21 Management Board (PAMB) is hereby created to provide overall management of the
 22 area. A Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) shall be established and shall
 23 be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu). The composition of the
 24 PAMB, its powers and functions, as well as the duties and responsibilities of the
 25 PASu, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, or the
 26 National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act, as amended by Republic
 27 Act No. 11038 or the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of
 28 2018”.

29 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within three (3) months
 30 from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR, in consultation with the

1 local government units of the city of Guihulngan, the provincial government of
2 Negros Oriental, and concerned national government agencies, shall issue the
3 corresponding rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

4 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
5 include in the Department's Program the implementation of this Act, the funding of
6 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

7 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared
8 unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected shall
9 continue to be in full force and effect.

10 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
11 regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are
12 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

13 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,