



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SUANSING (E.), VIOLAGO AND VERGARA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1014

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH, SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS,  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A  
TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church,  
2 Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva  
3 Ecija, is hereby declared a tourist destination. The development of the immediate environs  
4 of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, shall be  
5 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the  
6 rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

7           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination  
8 with the Department of Public Works and Highways and other concerned agencies of the  
9 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,  
10 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall  
11 improve the overall features of the environs surrounding the Immaculate Conception Parish  
12 Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the

1 security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and  
2 conservation of the tourism significance of the area.

3       **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to  
4 implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the Immaculate  
5 Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, and shall incorporate the  
6 same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the  
7 approval of this Act.

8       **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the  
9 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
10 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the  
11 Department.

12       **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in  
13 consultation with the municipal government of Nampicuan, promulgate the necessary rules  
14 and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

15       **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees or other  
16 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or  
17 amended accordingly.

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

20       Approved,