



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5282

BY REPRESENTATIVES MADRONA AND TAMBUNTING

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, POPULARLY KNOWN AS
ISLA DE CARABAO, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, A TOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of San Jose, popularly known as Isla de Carabao,
2 Province of Romblon, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall
3 be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
6 San Jose shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
8 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure
9 and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
10 the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*,
11 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
12 budget of the municipal government of San Jose.

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of San Jose in the
14 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism

1 capacity building. It shall also include Isla de Carabao in all its national and regional promotion
2 program.

3 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
4 budget of the municipal government of San Jose. The DOT may augment such allocation with
5 internally-generated funds.

6 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government
7 of San Jose shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
8 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

9 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
10 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,