



MEMORANDUM

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FOR/TO : **The Undersecretaries**
Indigenous Peoples Affairs and Mindanao Environmental Priority Projects
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The Bureau Directors
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IV-B (MIMAROPA), V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XI & CARAGA

FROM : **The Assistant Secretary**
Field Operations – Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
VARIOUS BILLS DECLARING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
AREAS, ECOTURISM ZONES, AND TOURIST
DESTINATIONS/SPOTS**

This pertains to the letter from the Office of Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Tourism, dated 05 July 2021, requesting DENR for comment and recommendations on the various proposed legislations¹, which seek to declare certain areas in the country either as tourism development areas, ecotourism zones or tourist destinations/spots.

For this, your Legislative Liaison Office² will appreciate if **your Office can submit the electronic copy of the requested comment and recommendations at denrlegislative@yahoo.com, on or before 16 July 2021, for consolidation and submission to the said Senate Committee.**

For information and appropriate action.


JOANA A. LAGUNDA, D.M., D.P.A.


Encls: As stated.
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1 For your convenience and reference, ecopy of the lists with titles of the various bills would be emailed as well
2 Legislative Liaison Office landline number: 8-920-1761

Request for Comment and Recommendations on the Various Bills Declaring Tourism Development Areas, Ecotourism Zones and Tourist Destinations/Spots

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Dear Sir/Mam,

Good Day!

Please find attached letter request from the Office of Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay for your perusal. Ecopies of the various bills can be downloaded from the Senate and House website for your ready reference. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.

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Letter from the Senate Committee

1 message

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HON. ROY A. CIMATU*Secretary*

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Cimatú:

The Senate Committee on Tourism would like to request the DENR for comments and recommendations on the various Senate and House that were primarily referred to the Committee which seek to declare certain areas in the country either as tourism development areas, ecotourism zones or tourist destinations.

Please refer to attached letter-request for your reference.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

FOR THE CHAIRPERSON:**SENATOR MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY***by:***Maria Clarinda R. Mendoza***Committee Secretary*

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2 attachments**Letter for DENR Secretary Cimatú re Comments and Recommendations on tourism bills.pdf**
654K**List of Ecotourism and Tourism Sites.docx**
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Republic of the Philippines
SENATE
Pasay City

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

July 5, 2021

**SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
ON VARIOUS BILLS DECLARING TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT AREAS, ECOTURISM ZONES, AND
TOURIST DESTINATIONS/SPOTS**

HON. ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Secretary Cimat**:

The Senate Committee on Tourism is in receipt of various Senate and House bills which seek to declare certain areas in the country either as tourism development areas, ecotourism zones or tourist destinations/spots. In this regard, the Committee would like to request for your comments and recommendations on the abovementioned proposed legislations. *(Please refer to Annexes "A", "B", and "C" for the complete lists of bills.)*

Copies of the Senate and House bills can be downloaded from the Senate website for your ready reference.

For further queries and concerns and for the submission of your comments and recommendations, kindly instruct your staff to coordinate with the undersigned at 0945 750 5319 or at mcmendoza@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**FOR THE CHAIRPERSON:
SEN. MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**

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by:

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Committee Secretary

ANNEX "A"

Declaring Tourism Development Areas
(4 House bills)

- 1) **HBN 7260** – An Act declaring the Province of Rizal a tourism development area and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Roberto V. Puno*) V-A
- 2) **HBN 7263** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Barlig in Mountain Province a tourism development area and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Maximo Y. Dalog Jr.*) CAR
- 3) **HBN 7530** – An Act declaring the City of Iligan a tourism development area and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Frederick W. Siao and Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano*) X
- 4) **HBN 8146** – An Act declaring the Province of Lanao del Norte a tourism development Area (TDA), creating the Lanao del Norte Tourism Council and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo and Abdullah D. Dimaporo*) X

Declaring Ecotourism Sites/Zones
(9 Senate bills and 47 House bills)

- 1) **SBN 955** - An Act declaring Pag-asa Island Cluster in the Municipality of Kalayaan, Province of Palawan as an ecotourism destination and protected area, providing funds therefor, and for other purposes (*Introduced by Senator Angara*) 103
HBN 8849 - An Act declaring Pag-asa Island and its adjoining islands of Parola, Kota and Panata located in the Municipality of Kalayaan, Province of Palawan, as ecotourism destinations, to be collectively known as the Pag-asa Island Ecotourism Cluster, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Manuel DG Cabochan III, Franz Alvarez, and Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar*) 103
- 2) **SBN 1026** - An Act declaring Pilis Falls in Barangay Palili, Municipality of Samal, Province of Bataan an ecotourism site and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Villar*) 111
HBN 6445 - An Act declaring Pilis Falls in Barangay Palili, Municipality of Samal, Province of Bataan an ecotourism site and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Geraldine B. Roman*) 111
- 3) **SBN 1027** - An Act declaring Tala in the Municipality of Orani, Province of Bataan ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Villar*) 111
HBN 7259 - An Act declaring Barangay Tala in the Municipality of Orani, Province of Bataan, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Geraldine B. Roman*) 111
- 4) **SBN 2113** - An Act declaring Barangay Kapatagan in the City of Digos, Province of Davao del Sur, an ecotourism site, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Marcos*) X1
HBN 8209 - An Act declaring Barangay Kapatagan in the City of Digos, Province of Davao del Sur, an ecotourism site, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas*) X1
- 5) **SBN 2173** - An Act declaring the Tinakayanan Falls located in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan, as an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Marcos*) 1
HBN 7983 - An Act declaring the Tinakayanan Falls located in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan, an ecotourism site and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Jumel Anthony I. Espino*) 1
- 6) **SBN 2174** - An Act declaring the Kaparkan Falls in Barangay Caganayan, Municipality of Itneg, Province of Abra an ecotourism site, establishing the Kaparkan Falls Development Council, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Marcos*) CAR

- HBN 7637** – An Act declaring the Kaparkan Falls in Barangay Caganayan, Municipality of Tineg, Province of Abra an ecotourism site, establishing the Kaparkan Falls Development Council, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos*) CAR
- 7) **SBN 2255** – An Act declaring Pekkang Falls in the Municipality of Sinait; Becques Falls and Arisudusod Falls in the Municipality of Cabugao; Pikkang Falls and Turturayok Falls in the Municipality of San Juan ; Pimmader Falls, Pimmilov Falls, and Alvin Falls in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo; and Burayok Falls, Nagbaldi Falls, Masungad Falls, and Pundo Falls in the Municipality of Bantay, All Located in the Province of Ilocos Sur, as Ecotourism Sites, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Introduced by Senator Marcos*)
- HBN 9275** - An Act Declaring Pekkang Falls in the Municipality of Sinait; Becques Falls and Arisudusod Falls in the Municipality of Cabugao; Pikkang Falls and Turturayok Falls in the Municipality of San Juan; Pimmader Falls, Pimmilov Falls, and Alvin Falls in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo; and Burayok Falls, Nagbaldi Falls, Masungad Falls, and Pundo Falls in the Municipality of Bantay, All Located in the Province of Ilocos Sur, as Ecotourism Sites, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Savellano, Aragones, et. al.*)
- 8) **SBN 2256** – An Act declaring Kapangyan Falls in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan an ecotourism site, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Marcos*) ✓ B
- HBN 6448** – An Act declaring Kapangyan Falls in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan an ecotourism zone, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar*) ✓ B
- 9) **SBN 2269** – An Act declaring "Kweba ng Hapon" located in Barangay Manlocboc, Municipality of Aguilar, Province of Pangasinan, an ecotourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Senator Marcos*)
- HBN 9001** – An Act declaring Kweba ng Hapon located in Barangay Manlocboc, Municipality of Aguilar, Province of Pangasinan, an ecotourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Rep. Espino*)
- 10) **HBN 6443** – An Act declaring Gangub Cave in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan an ecotourism site, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar*) ✓ B
- 11) **HBN 6444** – An Act declaring Torrijos White Beach located in the Municipality of Torrijos, Province of Marinduque an ecotourism site and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco*) ✓ B
- 12) **HBN 6446** – An Act declaring the Palani Beach located in the Municipality of Balud, Province of Masbate an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Elisa Kho*) ✓
- 13) **HBN 6447** – An Act declaring the Bat-ongan Peak, Cave and Underground River located in the Municipality of Mandaon, Province of Masbate an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Elisa Kho*) ✓

- 14) **HBN 7258** – An Act declaring Mainit Falls and Hot Springs located in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan, an ecotourism site, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar*) IV B
- 15) **HBN 7261** – An Act declaring the Bakhawan Eco-park in Barangay New Buswang, Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Carlito S. Marquez*) VI
- 16) **HBN 7529** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Jovellar in the Province of Albay an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Fernando T. Cabredo*) VI
- 17) **HBN 7533** – An Act declaring Barangay Laguit Padilla in the Municipality of Bugallon, Province of Pangasinan an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Jumel Anthony I. Espino*) I
- 18) **HBN 7656** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Marinduque, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco*) IV B
- 19) **HBN 7657** – An Act declaring the Islas de Gigantes located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas, Michael B. Gorriceta, and Julienne "Jam" Baronda*) VI
- 20) **HBN 7658** – An Act declaring the Tambaliza Island located in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Iloilo, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas, Michael B. Gorriceta, and Julienne "Jam" Baronda*) VI
- 21) **HBN 7977** – An Act declaring the Siay-Kabasalan Wetlands in the Municipalities of Siay and Kabasalan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay an ecotourism site, establishing the Siay-Kabasalan Wetlands Ecotourism Council, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Ann K. Hofer*) IX
- 22) **HBN 7984** – An Act declaring Mt. Tapulao located in the Municipality of Palauig, Province of Zambales, an ecotourism zone and forest reserve, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla*) III
- 23) **HBN 7985** – An Act declaring Mt. Pinatubo located in the Municipality of Botolan, Province of Zambales, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla*) III
- 24) **HBN 7988** – An Act declaring the Malubal Falls in the Municipality of Roseller T. Lim, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, an ecotourism site, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Ann K. Hofer*) IX
- 25) **HBN 7989** – An Act declaring the Underground Tipan Cave in the Municipality of Naga, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, an ecotourism site, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Ann K. Hofer*) IX

- 26) **HBN 8015** – An Act declaring the Sicogon Island located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo, an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas*) X/
- 27) **HBN 8139** – An Act declaring the Passig Islet located in Barangay Bato, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Davao del Sur, an ecotourism site, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas*) X/
- 28) **HBN 8200** – An Act declaring Mt. Litumman located in Barangay Tungngod in the Municipality of Lagawe, Province of Ifugao, an ecotourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Solomon R. Chungalao, Sol Aragones, Alfel M. Bascug, et.al.*) CAR
- 29) **HBN 8204** – An Act declaring Barangay Balutakay in the Municipality of Bansalan, Province of Davao del Sur, an ecotourism site, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas*) X/
- 30) **HBN 8206** – An Act declaring the Sangaran Ark Cave in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Palawan, an ecotourism destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Sol Aragones, et.al.*) IV B
- 31) **HBN 8208** – An Act declaring Masungi Georeserve in the Municipality of Baras, Province of Rizal, an ecotourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Sol Aragones, Alfel M. Bascug, et.al.*) IV.A
- 32) **HBN 8773** – An Act declaring the Balo-I man-mande lake and its immediate environs located in the Municipality of Balo-I, Province of Lanao del Norte, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo*) X
- 33) **HBN 8774** – An Act declaring the Sagrada Familia Caves located in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla*) III
- 34) **HBN 8944** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Alaminos, Province of Laguna, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representative Sol Aragones*) IV-A
- 35) **HBN 8945** – An Act recognizing the Municipality of Baler in the Province of Aurora as the birthplace of Philippine surfing, declaring it an ecotourism destination and providing for its development (*Introduced by Reprs. Angara, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) III
- 36) **HBN 8956** – An Act declaring the Agusan Marsh located in the Municipalities of Talacogon, San Francisco, Rosario, Bunawan, Loreto, Lapaz and Veruela, all in the Province of Agusan del Sur, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Reprs. Plaza, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) X III CARAGA
- 37) **HBN 8960** – An Act declaring the Murcielagos Island Protected Landscape and Seascape located in the Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Reprs. Amatong, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) X

- 38) **HBN 8963** – An Act declaring Mighty Cave Park located in the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province of Lanao del Norte, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Rep. Dimaporo*) X
- 39) **HBN 8965** – An Act declaring Wawa Dam in the Municipality of Rodriguez, Province of Rizal, an ecotourism destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Reprs. Nograles, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) 1V-A
- 40) **HBN 8966** – An Act declaring the downstream Agno River in the Municipalities of Urbiztondo, Mangatarem, Aguilar, Bugallon and Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor. (*Introduced by Reprs. Espino, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) |
- 41) **HBN 8967** – An Act declaring Regina Rica in the Municipality of Tanay, Province of Rizal, an ecotourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Reprs. Nograles, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) |
- 42) **HBN 8968** – An Act declaring the Quinalasag Group of Islands and the Lamit Group of Islands, all located in the Municipality of Garchitorena, Province of Camarines Sur, an ecotourism zones, to be collectively known as the Sisiran Ecotourism Zone (*Introduced by Reprs. Fuentesbella, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) V
- 43) **HBN 8969** – An Act declaring the Butawanan Island Area, consisting of Barangays Butawanan and San Ramon, and the Siruma South Coastal Area, consisting of Barangays Vitug, Cabugao, Sulpa and Boboan, all located in the Municipality of Siruma, Province of Camarines Sur, as ecotourism zones, to be collectively known as the Siruma Ecotourism Zone (*introduced by Reprs. Fuentesbella, Aragones, Bascug, et.al.*) V
- 44) **HBN 8987** – An Act declaring Naruron Falls located in Barangay Oyao, Municipality of Dupax del Norte, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, an ecotourism site and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Rep. Cuaresma*) |||
- 45) **HBN 9276** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Nagcarlan, Province of Laguna, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Aragones, Bascug, Uy, et.al.*) 1V-A
- 46) **HBN 9277** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Rizal, Province of Laguna, an ecotourism zone, and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Aragones, Bascug, Uy, et.a.l*) 1V-A
- 47) **HBN 9278** – An Act declaring the City of San Pablo, Province of Laguna, an ecotourism destination, to be known as the "City of Seven Lakes", and appropriating funds therefor (*Introduced by Representatives Aragones, Bascug, Uy, et.al.*) 1V-A

Declaring Tourist Destinations/Spots
(4 Senate bills and 28 House bills)

- 1) **SBN 1586** – An Act declaring the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag in the Municipality of Manaoag, Province of Pangasinan as a pilgrimage site and tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.)*)
- HBN 8377** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Manaoag in the Province of Pangasinan a tourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Christopher V.P. De Venecia)*)
- 2) **SBN 1986** – An Act declaring the Luzon Datum located in the Municipality of Mogpog, Province of Marinduque a tourist spot *(Introduced by Senator Gatchalian)* ✓
- HBN 7655** – An Act declaring the Luzon Datum located in Barangay Hinanggayon, Municipality of Mogpog, Province of Marinduque, a tourist spot and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco)* ✓
- 3) **SBN 2164** – An Act declaring Diket Falls located in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan, a tourism destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Senator Marcos)*)
- HBN 8852** – An Act declaring Diket Falls located in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan, a tourism destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Tyrone D. Agabas)*)
- 4) **SBN 2165** – An Act declaring Pinsal Falls located in the Municipality of San Nicolas, Province of Pangasinan, a tourism destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Senator Marcos)*)
- HBN 8851** – An Act declaring Pinsal Falls located in the Municipality of San Nicolas, Province of Pangasinan, a tourism destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Tyrone D. Agabas)*)
- 5) **HBN 6442** – An Act declaring Mount Arayat, bordering the Municipalities of Arayat and Magalang, Province of Pampanga a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representatives Aurello "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II and Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel)*)
- 6) **HBN 7262** - An Act declaring Mount 387 also known as Mount Batong-Amat located in the Municipality of Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija, a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Micaela S. Violago)*)
- 7) **HBN 7528** – An Act declaring the foreshore areas that line the Albay west coast in the Third District of the Province of Albay as tourist spots and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Fernando T. Cabredo)* ✓

- 8) **HBN 7534** – An Act declaring the Limahong Channel located in the Municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan a tourist spot and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Jumel Anthony I. Espino)* J
- 9) **HBN 7535** – An Act declaring Mudlom Cave in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Palawan a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representatives Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar and Sabiniano S. Canama)* ✓ A
- 10) **HBN 7638** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Ubay in the Province of Bohol as the Farm Tourism Capital of Bohol *(Introduced by Representative Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado)* ✓ H
- 11) **HBN 7690** – An Act declaring the immediate environs of the National Shrine of Padre Pio, commonly known as Padre Pio Shrine, located in Barangay San Pedro, City of Sto. Tomas, Province of Batangas, a tourism destination, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Ma. Theresa V. Collantes)* ✓ A
- 12) **HBN 7694** – An Act declaring the Polillo Group of Islands and the Municipality of Mauban in the Province of Quezon, a tourism zone and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga)* ✓ A
- 13) **HBN 7696** – An Act declaring the Province of Camarines Norte a tourism destination and the Surfing Capital of the Bicol Region and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Marisol C. Panotes)* ✓
- 14) **HBN 7702** – An Act declaring the Province of Camarines Sur as the Wakeboarding Capital of the Philippines *(Introduced by Representative Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr.)* ✓
- 15) **HBN 7736** – An Act declaring the Municipalities of Sto. Domingo, Sta. Catalina, Bantay, San Ildefonso, San Vicente, Sinit, Cabugao, San Juan, Magsingal and Caoayan, all in the Province of Ilocos Sur as tourism destinations, providing for their development and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano)*)
- 16) **HBN 7737** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Liliw in the Province of Laguna, as the "Tsinelas Capital of the Philippines" *(Introduced by Representatives Sol Aragoes, Alfel M. Bascug, Julitte T. Uy, Micaela S. Violago, Ciriaco B. Gato Jr., Fernando T. Cabredo, et.al.)* ✓ -A
- 17) **HBN 7987** – An Act distinguishing the Dao Tree located within a secondary forest in the Integrated Forest Management Area of the E. Pelaez Ranch in Bayombong, Barangay Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City, as the Cagayan de Oro Heritage Tree, declaring it a tourist attraction, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez)* X
- 18) **HBN 8199** – An Act declaring the immediate environs of the Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Candelaria located in the Municipality of Paracale, Province of Camarines Norte, a tourist destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor *(Introduced by Representatives Josefina B. Tallado, Sol Aragoes, et. al.)* ✓

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8146

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIMAPORO (M.K.) AND DIMAPORO (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 630

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LANAOS DEL NORTE A TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA), CREATING THE LANAOS DEL NORTE TOURISM
COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Lanaos del Norte Tourism
2 Development Area Act”.

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

6 **Sec. 3. *Scope and Coverage.*** – The Province of Lanaos del Norte is hereby declared a
7 tourism development area (TDA). The Lanaos del Norte TDA shall cover its municipalities
8 endowed with natural beauty, small islands, waterfalls, springs, rivers, caves, beaches, sea
9 and mountain resources, historical and natural landmarks, indigenous communities and other
10 areas of interest to the tourism industry.

1 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
2 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism development areas.

3 **Sec. 4. *Tourism Development Plan.*** – Within one year after the approval of this Act,
4 the DOT shall prepare a tourism development plan for the Province of Lanao del Norte and
5 shall incorporate the same in the DOT’s overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP)
6 pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the “Tourism Act of 2009”. Said
7 tourism development plan shall be jointly implemented with the local government units
8 concerned and the Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council, taking into consideration
9 Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System
10 Act of 1992” and its implementing rules and regulations.

11 The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
12 Authority (TIEZA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other
13 concerned agencies of the government, shall delineate well-defined geographic areas within
14 the Lanao del Norte TDA and coordinate the integrated development of these areas for the
15 optimum use of natural assets and attractions, as well as existing facilities.

16 The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the
17 DOT and the Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council, shall set in place the necessary
18 construction and improvement of roads and other infrastructure upon the promulgation of this
19 Act and incorporate the same in its infrastructure program.

20 **Sec. 5. *Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council.*** - The Provincial Governor of
21 Lanao del Norte shall create the Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council, hereinafter
22 referred to as the “Council”, which shall be composed of government and private sector
23 representatives.

24 The Council shall have the following functions:

- 1 a) Formulate programs and recommendations to develop local tourism facilities and
2 attractions tapping local resources and funds:
- 3 b) Assist in the regulation and supervision of tourism-oriented establishments thereby
4 ensuring wholesome and clean tourism activities;
- 5 c) Assist in monitoring the implementation of the Local Government Code on the
6 matter of licensing of tourism establishments in the locality to ascertain safe and
7 enjoyable stay of travelers;
- 8 d) Strictly enforce sanitary standards in public restrooms frequented by public utility
9 vehicles and tourist transport services, i.e. gasoline stations, restaurants along main
10 highways and bus stops; and
- 11 e) Perform other duties in accordance with the Department of Interior and Local
12 Government's (DILG) Guidelines.

13 The provincial government of Lanao del Norte shall provide a Secretariat for the
14 Council including the funding necessary to cover expenses for the performance of its official
15 functions and activities.

16 **Sec. 6. Lanao del Norte Tourism Development Trust Fund.** - There is hereby
17 established a trust fund to be known as the Lanao del Norte Tourism Development Trust
18 Fund, for the purpose of financing projects which shall enhance tourism in the Province. The
19 Trust Fund shall be administered by a Trust Fund Administrator under the Provincial
20 Tourism Office of Lanao del Norte. Funds shall be derived from fees collected from tourists,
21 other resources from the Province, proceeds from the registration and lease of multiple-use
22 areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from industries and
23 facilities directly benefiting the Province.

24 The Trust Fund may be augmented by grants and donations, endowments from
25 various sources, domestic or foreign entities and individuals, for purposes related to their

1 functions. *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be in accordance with existing
2 accounting and auditing rules and regulations. *Provided, further*, That the Trust Fund shall
3 not be used to cover personnel services expenditures.

4 **Sec. 7. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretaries of the DOT, DENR and DPWH shall
5 include in their respective Departments’ programs the implementation of this Act, the
6 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and internally
7 generated funds of the DOT.

8 **Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared
9 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
10 and effect.

11 **Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders,
12 presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are
13 hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

14 **Sec. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
15 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7530

BY REPRESENTATIVES SIAO AND SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 449

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF ILIGAN A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The City of Iligan is hereby declared a tourism development area. As such,
2 its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
3 regulations governing the development of tourism development areas.

4 **Sec. 2.** The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
5 Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare the necessary
6 tourism development plan for the City of Iligan that shall include the improvement and restoration
7 of tourism sites in conformity with set standards, and the construction of hotels, resorts,
8 restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate infrastructure that shall enhance tourism
9 in the area: *Provided,* That the development plan shall ensure the preservation of the ecological
10 balance and natural beauty of the City of Iligan.

1 **Sec. 3.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the
2 DOT, shall immediately assess, plan and include in its program the construction or improvement of
3 roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects, upon promulgation of this Act.

4 **Sec. 4.** The Secretaries of the DOT and the DPWH shall include in their respective
5 Departments' programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in
6 the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

7 **Sec. 5.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the provisions of this Act and
8 incorporate it in the DOT's overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) for the ensuing
9 year.

10 **Sec. 6.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts
11 thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or
12 modified accordingly.

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

15 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7263

Introduced by Representative Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr.

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE A
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Barlig Tourism Development
2 Area (Barlig TDA) Act".

3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
4 promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative,
5 culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.
6 Towards this end, the State shall support the establishment of tourism enterprise zones
7 (TEZs), ensure the full implementation of this Act, and the mobilization of resources for the
8 institutional mechanisms herein established to attract and focus investment on specific
9 geographic areas within the tourism development area.

10 **Sec. 3. Scope and Coverage.** - The Municipality of Barlig, Mountain Province is
11 hereby declared a tourism development area (TDA). The following natural and historical
12 areas within the municipality which are endowed with natural beauty, pristine water and
13 mountain resources, and rich historical and cultural significance shall be included in the
14 Barlig TDA and shall thus be developed as tourist destinations:

- 1 a) Mount Amuyao and the mountain range of Kadaclan;
- 2 b) Barlig Rice Terraces in Barangays Gawana, Fiangtin, Macalana and Latang;
- 3 c) Kadaclan Rice Terraces in Barangays Lunas, Chupac, Kaleo and Ogo-og;
- 4 d) Lias Rice Terraces and Challos Falls in Barangays Lias Silangan and Lias
- 5 Kanluran;
- 6 e) Topnew and Lingoy Hot Springs and Lake Tufob in Barangay Lingoy;
- 7 f) Mornang Hot Spring, the Mornang and Allob Falls, the Siblaw Taraw Lake
- 8 and the Wonderful Rock in Barangay Latang;
- 9 g) Lettang Burial Caves and the Lettang, Moyopoyop and Patyayan Falls in
- 10 Barangay Lunas;
- 11 h) Or-or Falls in Barangay Kaleo;
- 12 i) Amfitayok Falls in Barangay Ogo-og;
- 13 j) Tokchag Falls in Barangay Gawana;
- 14 k) Lusong Fukian Kan Wikian Rock Formation in Barangay Fiangtin; and
- 15 l) Pangngor Chin Stone and Tomallan Waterfalls in Barangay Macalana.

16 The development of the Barlig TDA shall be prioritized by the Department of
17 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
18 development areas.

19 **Sec. 4. Municipal Tourism Council of Barlig.** – (a) There is hereby organized the
20 Municipal Tourism Council of Barlig, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be
21 the primary policy-making, planning and coordinating body in the development of tourism in
22 the Municipality of Barlig and administration of ecotourism sites thereat.

23 The Council shall be composed of the:

- 24 (1) Mayor of the Municipality of Barlig, as Chairperson;
- 25 (2) Barangay Chairpersons of all barangays of Barlig, who shall elect from among
- 26 themselves the Council's Vice Chairperson;

1 (3) Member of the Sangguniang Bayan of Barlig who is duly designated by such
2 body;

3 (4) Regional and Provincial Directors concerned of the Department of Tourism,
4 National Economic Development Authority, Department of Environment and
5 Natural Resources and Department of Public Works and Highways;

6 (5) Provincial Governor of Mountain Province, as *ex-officio* member;

7 (6) Representative of the Lone District of Mountain Province, as *ex-officio* member;
8 and

9 (7) Two (2) representatives from the private sector, nominated by the private sector
10 tourism industry organizations in the Municipality of Barlig and appointed by the
11 Chairperson of the Council, who shall serve for a period of two (2) years

12 The municipal government of Barlig shall provide a Secretariat for the Council.

13 (b) The Council shall have the following functions:

14 (1) Ensure that constituencies, sectors and groups, whose interests may be
15 affected by the tourism development in the municipality, are given sufficient
16 opportunities to be heard.

17 (2) Pursue consultations with relevant sectors and constituents, conduct research,
18 and engage the assistance of experts and other resource persons, as may be needed
19 in the performance of its functions.

20 (3) Formulate programs and recommendations to develop local tourism facilities
21 and attractions;

22 (4) Assist in monitoring the implementation of the Republic Act No. 7160,
23 otherwise known as the Local Government Code on the matter of licensing of
24 tourism establishments on the locality to ascertain safe and enjoyable stay of
25 travelers;

1 (5) Strictly enforce sanitary standards in public restrooms located in places
2 frequented by passengers of public utility vehicles and tourism transport services,
3 i.e. gasoline stations, restaurants along main highways and bus stops;

4 (6) Appoint the Trust Fund Administrator of Barlig Tourism Development Trust
5 Fund;

6 (7) Perform any other duties in accordance with the Department of Interior and
7 Local Government's (DILG) Guidelines; and

8 (8) Ensure that the functions of the Council shall be harmonized with the
9 functions and responsibilities of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB),
10 the protected area superintendents and the regional ecotourism committee to avoid
11 any overlap or conflict.

12 The Council may create such committees as it may deem necessary, and provide for
13 the functions and the memberships thereof to assist it in the proper and effective performance
14 of its functions. The Council may call on the other government agencies and offices to
15 provide advice and assistance on matters relating to the performance of its functions and the
16 development of tourism in the Municipality of Barlig.

17 **Sec. 5. *Tourism Development Plan of Barlig.*** - The Tourism Development Plan of
18 the Municipality of Barlig shall be incorporated in the DOT's overall National Tourism
19 Development Plan (NTDP) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as "The
20 Tourism Act of 2009," and shall be jointly implemented by the municipal government of
21 Barlig and the Provincial Tourism Council of Mountain Province, taking into consideration
22 Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas System
23 Act of 1992" and its implementing rules and regulations.

24 The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
25 Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall delineate well
26 defined geographic areas within the Barlig TDA and coordinate the integrated development

1 of these areas for the optimum use of natural assets and attractions, as well as existing
2 facilities.

3 **Sec. 6. Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund.** - There is hereby established a
4 trust fund under this Act to be known as the Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund for the
5 purpose of financing projects which shall enhance tourism in the Municipality. Funds shall
6 be derived from fees collected from visitors, proceeds from the registration and lease of
7 multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from
8 industries and facilities directly benefiting the Municipality, and other resources from the
9 Province.

10 The Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund may be augmented by grants and
11 donations, endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign entities and individuals, for
12 purposes related to their functions: *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be in
13 accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further*,
14 That it shall not be used to cover personal services and expenditures.

15 The Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund shall be administered by a Trust Fund
16 Administrator who shall be under the supervision of the Municipal Tourism Council of
17 Barlig.

18 **Sec. 7. Appropriations.** - The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
19 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
20 General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

21 **Sec. 8. Separability Clause.** - Any provision of this Act or part hereof that may be
22 declared unconstitutional shall not affect the effectivity of the other provisions.

23 **Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and
24 regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed
25 repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **Sec. 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
2 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7260

Introduced by Representative Roberto V. Puno

**AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Rizal Tourism
2 Development Act".

3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
4 promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative,
5 culturally sensitive, economically viable, and equitable for local communities. To this end,
6 the State shall endeavor to provide the proper mechanisms and infrastructure for sustainable
7 tourism development. It shall promote and develop certain areas and sites identified as tourist
8 destinations or attractions, or those that possess the potential for tourism, in order to drive and
9 propel inclusive growth throughout the country.

10 **Sec. 3. Province of Rizal as Tourism Development Area.** - The Province of Rizal is
11 hereby declared a tourism development area. As such, its development shall be prioritized by
12 the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Public Works and Highways

1 (DPWH), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
2 development areas.

3 **Sec. 4. *Tourism Development Plan.*** - The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism
4 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the
5 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan for the Province of Rizal, providing
6 for the development, maintenance, improvement and restoration of tourist sites, where
7 appropriate, in conformity with set forth standards, including the construction of hotels,
8 resorts, restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate facilities and infrastructure:
9 *Provided,* That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the ecological balance
10 and natural beauty of the areas concerned. The DOT shall incorporate the tourism
11 development plan to the overall National Tourism Development Plan pursuant to Republic
12 Act No. 9593, otherwise known as "The Tourism Act of 2009".

13 The concerned local government unit, in coordination with the DOT, TIEZA,
14 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned agencies of
15 the Government, shall delineate well defined geographic areas within the tourism
16 development area and coordinate the integrated development of these areas for the optimum
17 use of its natural assets, attractions and existing facilities.

18 The tourism development plan shall be jointly implemented by the local government
19 units concerned and the Provincial Tourism Council of Rizal.

20 The DPWH, in coordination with the DOT, shall implement the construction of roads
21 and other infrastructure necessary in the development of the Province of Rizal upon the
22 promulgation of this Act and incorporate the same in its infrastructure program.

23 **Sec. 5. *Rizal Tourism Council.*** -

24 (a) There is hereby organized the Rizal Tourism Council, hereinafter referred to as the
25 Council, which shall be the primary policy-making, planning and coordinating body in the

1 development of tourism in the Province of Rizal and administration of ecotourism sites
2 therein.

3 The Council shall be composed of:

- 4 (1) The Provincial Governor of Rizal, as Chairperson;
- 5 (2) The Mayors of all the municipalities and cities of the Province of Rizal, who
6 shall elect from among themselves the Council's Vice Chairperson;
- 7 (3) A member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Rizal, duly designated by
8 such body; and
- 9 (4) Two (2) representatives from the private sector, nominated by the private
10 sector tourism industry organizations in the Province of Rizal and appointed
11 by the Chairperson of the Council, who shall serve for a period of two (2)
12 years.

13 The Council may create such committees and provide for the functions and the
14 memberships thereof to assist it in the proper and effective performance of its functions.

15 (b) In order to provide assistance and support to the Council in the performance of its
16 functions, the following shall serve as advisors:

- 17 (1) The Chief Operating Officer of the TIEZA;
- 18 (2) The Regional Director of the DOT for Region IVA;
- 19 (3) The Regional Director of the DENR for Region IVA;
- 20 (4) The Regional Director of the DPWH for Region IVA; and
- 21 (5) The Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority
22 (NEDA) for Region IVA.

23 The Council may call on other government agencies and offices to provide advice and
24 assistance on matters relating to the performance of its functions and the development of
25 tourism in the Province of Rizal.

1 (c) The Council shall ensure that constituencies, sectors and groups, whose interests
2 may be affected by the tourism development in the Province of Rizal, are given sufficient
3 opportunities to be heard. The Council shall pursue consultations with relevant sectors and
4 constituencies, conduct research, and engage the services and assistance of experts and other
5 resource persons, as may be needed in the performance of its functions.

6 (d) The Provincial Government of Rizal shall provide the Secretariat for the Council,
7 including the necessary expenses for the performance of its official functions and activities.

8 (e) The functions of the Council shall be harmonized with the functions and
9 responsibilities of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), the protected area
10 superintendents and the regional ecotourism committee to avoid any overlap or conflict.

11 **Sec. 6. Rizal Tourism Development Fund.** - There is hereby established a trust fund,
12 to be known as the Rizal Tourism Development Trust Fund, for purposes of financing
13 projects that shall enhance tourism in the Province of Rizal. Funds shall be derived from fees
14 collected from visitors/tourists, other resources from the Province, proceeds from the
15 registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and
16 contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting the Province.

17 The fund may be augmented by grants and donations, endowments from various
18 sources, domestic or foreign entities and individuals, for purposes related to their functions:
19 *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be in accordance with existing accounting and
20 auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, that the fund shall not be used to cover
21 personnel services expenditures.

22 The Trust Fund shall be administered by a Trust Fund Administrator under the
23 Provincial Tourism Office of the Province of Rizal.

24 **Sec. 7. Appropriations.** - The Secretary of the DOT and the Secretary of DPWH shall
25 include in their respective Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding

1 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally
2 generated funds of the DOT.

3 **Sec. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the
4 effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the local government units of the
5 Province of Rizal, shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
6 proper implementation of this Act.

7 **Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid
8 or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full
9 force and effect.

10 **Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules
11 and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the
12 provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

13 **Sec. 11. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
14 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,

1. Introduction
The purpose of this report is to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and to propose effective strategies for recovery. The report is structured as follows: Section 2 discusses the economic impact, Section 3 analyzes the impact on different sectors, Section 4 discusses the impact on employment, and Section 5 proposes recovery strategies.

2. Economic Impact
The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global economic recession, with a sharp decline in GDP and a significant increase in unemployment. The World Bank estimates that the global economy contracted by 3.5% in 2020, the largest annual decline since World War II. The impact has been particularly severe in emerging and developing economies, which have experienced a double-digit decline in GDP.

3. Impact on Different Sectors
The impact of the pandemic has been uneven across different sectors. The service sector, which includes retail, hospitality, and tourism, has experienced the most significant decline. The manufacturing sector has also been hit hard, with a sharp decline in production and a significant increase in unemployment. The agricultural sector, on the other hand, has experienced a relative recovery, with a significant increase in production and a decrease in unemployment.

4. Impact on Employment
The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant increase in unemployment, with a global unemployment rate of 6.3% in 2020. The impact has been particularly severe in emerging and developing economies, where the unemployment rate has increased from 5.5% in 2019 to 10.5% in 2020. The impact has also been uneven across different sectors, with the service sector experiencing the most significant increase in unemployment.

5. Recovery Strategies
There are several strategies that can be used to promote economic recovery. First, governments should implement fiscal and monetary policies to stimulate economic growth. Second, governments should invest in infrastructure and human capital to improve productivity and competitiveness. Third, governments should support small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the backbone of the economy. Finally, governments should promote innovation and entrepreneurship to create new jobs and opportunities.

6. Conclusion
The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global economic recession, with a sharp decline in GDP and a significant increase in unemployment. The impact has been particularly severe in emerging and developing economies. However, there are several strategies that can be used to promote economic recovery, including fiscal and monetary policies, investment in infrastructure and human capital, support for small and medium-sized enterprises, and promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship.