

Republic Act

No. 7623

July 08, 1992

SUBJECT : An Act Declaring Volcano Island in Taal Lake Province or Batangas, A Tourist Zone Under the Joint Jurisdiction or the Department or Tourism, The Department or Environment and Natural Resources, and The Municipalities or Laurel, Balete, Agoncillo, San Nicolas, and Talisay

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

Sec.1 The Volcano Island in Taal Lake. Province of Batangas, is hereby declared a tourist zone under the joint jurisdiction of the Department of Tourism, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the municipalities of Laurel, Balete, Agoncillo, San Nicolas, and Talisay. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and shall be subject to rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zones.

Sec.2 The Department of Tourism in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, prepare a tourism development plan for Volcano Island and the coastal areas of the municipalities of Laurel, Balete, Agoncillo, San Nicolas, and Talisay, which shall provide for the construction, improvement and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area.

Sec.3 The Department of Tourism in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall take immediate steps to implement said development plan and shall incorporate the same in the department's overall tourism development programs for the ensuing calendar year.

Sec.4 Any law which is inconsistent with any provision of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec.5 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulations, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.

NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate

RAMON V. MITRA
*Speaker of the House
of Representative*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 3, 1992 and January 23, 1992, respectively.

ANACLETO D. BADOY, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

CAMILO L. SABIO
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*

Approved: July 08, 1992

FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines