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PADILLA, GULLAS, PARAS, VERGARA, BATOCABE, PLAZA, ANGARA  
AND BONOAN-DAVID, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1192

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AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON A MINING FREE  
ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS  
THEREOF

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

1           SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – The Province of Romblon is  
2 hereby declared a mining free zone and all mining operations in the Province  
3 of Romblon are hereby prohibited.

4           SEC. 2. *Coverage.* – As used in this Act, mining shall refer to the  
5 extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials, excluding gravel,  
6 sand and marble. This shall include large-scale and small-scale mining  
7 activities involving exploration, feasibility, development, utilization and  
8 processing.

1           SEC. 3. *Penal Provision.* – It shall be unlawful for any person to mine  
2 or continue to mine or to engage in any mining operation in the Province of  
3 Romblon.

4           Any person found guilty violating the provisions of this Act shall be  
5 penalized with imprisonment of at least six (6) years but not more than twelve  
6 (12) years and a fine of at least One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but  
7 not more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00).

8           If the offender is a corporation, firm, partnership or association, the  
9 penalty shall be imposed upon the officer or officers of the corporation, firm,  
10 partnership or association responsible for the violation thereof.

11           If the offender is an alien, after service of sentence and payment of fine,  
12 he/she will be deported immediately without further proceedings.

13           SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within three (3)  
14 months following the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of  
15 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall promulgate the necessary  
16 rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

17           SEC. 5. *Transitory Provision.* – Upon the approval of this Act, the  
18 Provincial Government of Romblon, in coordination with the DENR, shall  
19 review the contracts and agreements entered into by all existing mining  
20 operations and determine those to be terminated and those to be allowed to  
21 continue until such period that their contracts or agreements may allow.

22           SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and  
23 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
24 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

25           SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
26 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,