



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2141

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALMARIO

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL A
TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. The Province of Davao Oriental is hereby declared a
2 tourism zone. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the
3 Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
4 governing the development of tourist zones.

5 SEC. 2. The Province of Davao Oriental is rich with small islands,
6 waterfalls, beaches, sea and mountain resources; historical and natural
7 landmarks; indigenous communities; and other areas of interest of the
8 ecotourism industry.

9 SEC. 3. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and
10 Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government,
11 shall prepare the necessary tourism spot development plan, providing for their
12 development and maintenance, including improvement and restoration of sites,

1 where appropriate, in conformity with set forth standards, construction of
2 hotels, resorts, restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate
3 facilities and infrastructure: *Provided*, That said development plan shall
4 ensure the preservation of the ecological balance and natural beauty of the
5 area.

6 SEC. 4. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in
7 coordination with the DOT, shall set forth in place the necessary construction
8 and/or improvement of roads and other infrastructure upon the promulgation of
9 this Act and incorporate it in its infrastructure program.

10 SEC. 5. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the
11 development plan and incorporate it in the Department's overall tourism
12 development program for the ensuing year. The DOT shall likewise
13 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation
14 of this Act.

15 SEC. 6. The Secretary of the DOT and the Secretary of the DPWH
16 shall include in their respective Department's program the implementation of
17 this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
18 Appropriations Act and/or charged against the internally generated funds of the
19 DOT.

20 SEC. 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
21 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of
22 this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

23 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
24 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,