



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2192

BY REPRESENTATIVE DALOG

AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN
MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AS 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 “An Act Declaring the
2 Municipality of Barlig in Mountain Province as a Tourism Development Area
3 (TDA)”.

4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
5 State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable,
6 responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable, and
7 equitable to local communities. In so doing, the State shall ensure the full
8 implementation of this Act, support the establishment of Tourism Enterprise
9 Zones (TEZ) and the mobilization of resources for the institutional
10 mechanisms herein established to attract and focus investment on specific
11 geographic areas within the TDA.

1 SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* – The TDAs in Barlig, Mountain
2 Province hereby include, but not limited to, the following barangays endowed
3 with natural beauty, rivers, lakes, hot springs and mountain resources, and
4 historical and cultural significance:

5 (a) The majestic Mount Amuyao and the natural mountain range of
6 Kadaclan in the Municipality of Barlig;

7 (b) The Barlig Ricc Terraces in the barangays of Gawana, Fiangtin,
8 Macalana and Latang;

9 (c) The Kadaclan Rice Terraces in the barangays of Lunas, Chupac,
10 Kaleo and Ogo-og;

11 (d) The Lias Rice Terraces and Challos Falls in the barangays of Lias
12 Silangan and Lias Kanluran;

13 (e) The Barangay of Lingoy in the Municipality of Barlig with the
14 natural beauty of the Topnew and Lingoy Hot Springs and the enchanting view
15 of Lake Tufob;

16 (f) The Barangay of Latang with the relaxing feel of the Murnang Hot
17 Spring, the beautiful pristine waters of Mornang and Allob Falls, the
18 mysterious enchanting beauty of Siblaw Taraw Lake and the Wonderful Rock;

19 (g) The Barangay of Lunas in the Municipality of Barlig with the huge
20 Lettang Burial Caves and the Lettang, Moyopoyop and Patyayan Falls;

21 (h) The beautiful cascades of cool pristine waters of Or-or Falls in the
22 Barangay of Kalco, Amfitayok in the Barangay of Ogo-og and the Tokchag
23 Falls in the Barangay of Gawana;

24 (i) The unique Lusong Fukian Kan Wikian Rock Formation in the
25 Barangay of Fiangtin; and

26 (j) The Pangngor Chin Stone and Tomallan Waterfalls in the Barangay
27 of Macalana.

1 As such, these shall be accorded priority development by the
2 Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
3 governing tourism.

4 SEC. 4. *Tourism Development Plan of Barlig.* – The Tourism
5 Development Plan of the Municipality of Barlig shall be incorporated in the
6 DOT’s overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) pursuant to
7 Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the “National Tourism Act of
8 2009” and be jointly implemented with the local government and the
9 Provincial Tourism Council of Mountain Province taking into consideration
10 Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected
11 Areas System Act of 1992” and its implementing rules and regulations.

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

17 SEC. 5. *Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund.* – There is hereby
18 established a trust fund under this Act to be known as the Barlig Tourism
19 Development Trust Fund for purposes of financing projects which shall
20 enhance tourism in the Municipality of Barlig. The Trust Fund shall be
21 administered by a Trust Fund Administrator under the Municipal Tourism
22 Council of Barlig. Income shall be derived from fees from visitors/tourists,
23 other resources from the province, proceeds from the registration and lease of
24 multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and
25 contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting the municipality.

26 The Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund may be augmented by
27 grants and donations, endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign
28 entities and individuals, for purposes related to their functions: *Provided, That*

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

4 SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DOT shall include in
5 the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
6 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally
7 generated funds of the DOT.

8 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – Any provision of this Act or part
9 hereof that may be declared unconstitutional shall not affect the effectivity of
10 the other provisions.

11 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential
12 decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent
13 with this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

14 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
15 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of
16 general circulation

Approved,

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