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BY REPRESENTATIVES DALOG, NOGRALES (K.A.) AND MANGAOANG,  
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 441

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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  
2   Tourism Development Area (Barlig TDA) Act”.

3           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the  
4   policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically  
5   sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive,  
6   economically viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.  
7   Towards this end, the State shall support the establishment of  
8   Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZs) and ensure the full  
9   implementation of this Act and the mobilization of resources for the  
10  institutional mechanisms herein established to attract and focus

1 investment on specific geographic areas within the tourism  
2 development area.

3       SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* – The Municipality of Barlig,  
4 Mountain Province is hereby declared a tourism development area.  
5 The following natural and historical areas within the town of Barlig  
6 which are endowed with natural beauty, pristine water and  
7 mountain resources, and rich historical and cultural significance  
8 shall be included in the Barlig TDA and thus developed as tourist  
9 destinations therein:

10       (a) The Mount Amuyao and the mountain range of  
11 Kadaclan;

12       (b) The Barlig Rice Terraces in barangays Gawana,  
13 Fiangtin, Macalana and Latang;

14       (c) The Kadaclan Rice Terraces in barangays Lunas,  
15 Chupac, Kaleo and Ogo-og;

16       (d) The Lias Rice Terraces and Challos Falls in barangays  
17 Lias Silangan and Lias Kanluran;

18       (e) The Topnew and Lingoy Hot Springs and Lake Tufob in  
19 Barangay Lingoy;

20       (f) The Mornang Hot Spring, the Mornang and Allob Falls,  
21 the Siblaw Taraw Lake and the Wonderful Rock in Barangay  
22 Latang;

23       (g) The Lettang Burial Caves and the Lettang, Moyopoyop  
24 and Patyayan Falls in Barangay Lunas;

25       (h) The Or-or Falls in Barangay Kaleo, Amfitayok Falls in  
26 Barangay Ogo-og and the Tokchag Falls in Barangay Gawana;

27       (i) The Lusong Fukian Kan Wikian Rock Formation in  
28 Barangay Fiangtin; and

1 (j) The Pangngor Chin Stone and Tomallan Waterfalls in  
2 Barangay Macalana.

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

6 SEC. 4. *Tourism Development Plan of Barlig.* – The Tourism  
7 Development Plan of the Municipality of Barlig shall be  
8 incorporated in the DOT's overall National Tourism Development  
9 Plan (NTDP) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known  
10 as "The Tourism Act of 2009", and shall be jointly implemented by  
11 the local government of Barlig and the Provincial Tourism Council  
12 of Mountain Province, taking into consideration Republic Act No.  
13 7586, otherwise known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas  
14 System Act of 1992" and its implementing rules and regulations.

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

21 SEC. 5. *Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund.* – There is  
22 hereby established a trust fund under this Act to be known as the  
23 Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund for the purpose of  
24 financing projects which shall enhance tourism in the municipality.  
25 The Trust Fund shall be administered by a Trust Fund  
26 Administrator under the Municipal Tourism Council of Barlig. The  
27 Trust Fund shall be derived from fees collected from  
28 visitors/tourists, other resources from the province, proceeds from

1 the registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism  
2 concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from industries and  
3 facilities directly benefiting the municipality.

4 The Trust Fund may be augmented by grants and donations,  
5 endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign entities and  
6 individuals, for purposes related to their functions: *Provided*, That  
7 disbursements therefrom shall be in accordance with existing  
8 accounting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further*,  
9 That the Trust Fund shall not be used to cover personal services  
10 and expenditures.

11 SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of the DOT shall  
12 include in the Department's program the implementation of this  
13 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
14 Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT.

15 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - Any provision of this Act or  
16 part hereof that may be declared unconstitutional shall not affect  
17 the effectivity of the other provisions.

18 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, executive orders,  
19 presidential decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances  
20 contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed or  
21 modified accordingly.

22 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
23 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of  
24 general circulation.

Approved,