



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMAN, NOGRALES (K.A.) AND DE JESUS, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 442

AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Tala Ecotourism Zone
2 Act".

3 SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a
4 tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative,
5 culturally-sensitive, economically viable and equitably beneficial to local
6 communities.

7 SEC. 3. Barangay Tala in the Municipality of Orani, Province of
8 Bataan is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Its development shall be
9 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the
10 rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

11 The DOT shall prepare the development plan for Barangay Tala and
12 shall incorporate the same in the overall National Tourism Development Plan

1 (NTDP), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as “The
2 Tourism Act of 2009”. The plan shall be implemented jointly with the
3 Municipality of Orani, the local Protected Area Management Board (PAMB),
4 the Bataan National Park (BNP) and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise
5 Zone Authority (TIEZA).

6 The DOT, in coordination with the Municipality of Orani, the PAMB,
7 the BNP, the TIEZA and other concerned agencies of the government, shall
8 identify well-defined geographic areas within the Barangay Tala ecotourism
9 zone, which shall include the BNP and the existing infrastructure and facilities
10 therein, and ensure the integrated development of these areas for the optimum
11 utilization of natural assets and attractions, as well as the preservation of their
12 historical significance.

13 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department’s
14 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
15 included in the annual General Appropriations Act and internally-generated
16 funds of the DOT.

17 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the
18 Secretary of the DOT, in consultation with the Municipality of Orani, the
19 PAMB, the BNP and the TIEZA, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
20 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

21 SEC. 6. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations and other
22 issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
23 repealed or modified accordingly.

24 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
25 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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