



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6932

BY REPRESENTATIVES MERCADO AND NOGRALES (K.A.),
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 569

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE
A TOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The Province of Southern Leyte is hereby declared
2 a tourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
3 Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Public Works
4 and Highways (DPWH), and shall be subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of tourism zones.

6 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism
7 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned
8 agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development
9 plan providing for the development, maintenance, improvement and
10 restoration of tourist sites, where appropriate, in conformity with
11 set standards, including the construction of hotels, resorts,
12 restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate facilities

1 and infrastructure: *Provided*, That said development plan shall
2 ensure the preservation of the ecological balance and natural beauty
3 of the area.

4 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement
5 the development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's
6 overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

7 SEC. 4. Upon the promulgation of this Act, the DPWH,
8 in coordination with the DOT, shall implement the construction and
9 improvement of roads and other infrastructure necessary in the
10 development of the Province of Southern Leyte, and incorporate the
11 same in the Department's infrastructure program.

12 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT and the Secretary of the
13 DPWH shall include in their respective Department's program the
14 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
15 in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally
16 generated funds of the DOT.

17 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
18 the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
19 for the proper implementation of this Act.

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22 any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or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

24 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
25 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
26 circulation.

Approved,