



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8254

BY REPRESENTATIVES PAPANDAYAN, DURANO, NOGRALES (K.A.) AND
GONZALEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 869

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BAYANG HISTORICAL PARK
AND CONVENTION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BAYANG, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – Article XIV, Sections 16
2 and 17 of the Constitution declare that all the artistic and historic
3 wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be
4 under the protection of the State. The Constitution also espouses
5 the policy that the State recognizes and promotes the rights of
6 indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national
7 unity and development. Pursuant to this, the Philippine Congress
8 has enacted laws that seek to preserve and develop indigenous
9 Filipino cultures, traditions and institutions. Consistent with these
10 policies and privileges, the State shall preserve and promote the
11 historical and cultural significance of the Battle of Bayang that
12 transpired in the southeastern side of Lake Lanao.

1 SEC. 2. *Establishment of the Bayang Historical Park and*
2 *Convention Center.* – The Bayang Historical Park and Convention
3 Center is hereby established in the Municipality of Bayang,
4 Province of Lanao del Sur, under the administration of the
5 Municipal Government of Bayang, in coordination with the
6 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the
7 Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Provincial Government of
8 Lanao del Sur.

9 SEC. 3. *Creation of a Management Committee.* – There shall
10 be a Management Committee which shall be composed of the
11 following:

12 (a) Municipal Mayor of Bayang, as Chairperson;

13 (b) One (1) representative from the Autonomous Region of
14 Muslim Mindanao;

15 (c) One (1) representative from the Sangguniang
16 Panlalawigan of Lanao del Sur;

17 (d) One (1) representative from the Provincial Government of
18 Lanao del Sur;

19 (e) One (1) representative from the DENR;

20 (f) One (1) representative from the DOT; and

21 (g) Three (3) representatives from nongovernmental and civil
22 society organizations involved in historical and cultural activities,
23 as members.

24 The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the
25 Municipal Mayor of Bayang and shall serve for a period of two (2)
26 years.

27 SEC. 4. *Powers and Functions of the Management Committee.*

28 – The Management Committee shall exercise the following powers
29 and functions:

1 (a) Prepare and execute programs of management,
2 conservation and sustainable development for the Bayang Historical
3 Park and Convention Center;

4 (b) Determine and mark the specific places that require
5 necessary improvements;

6 (c) Enter into joint venture and lease agreements with public
7 and private entities;

8 (d) Receive, administer and dispose of trusts, legacies, gifts
9 and donations;

10 (e) Appoint, promote, transfer and remove personnel subject
11 to civil service laws, rules and regulations;

12 (f) Monitor and evaluate the activities of assigned staff in
13 accordance with Republic Act No. 6713, also known as the "Code of
14 Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees";

15 (g) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations; and

16 (h) Exercise such other powers and functions that are
17 necessary for the implementation of this Act.

18 SEC. 5. *Meetings.* - The Management Committee shall
19 regularly convene at least once a month. The Chairperson may,
20 however, call a special meeting whenever necessary upon a
21 three (3)-day prior notice. A majority of its members shall constitute
22 a quorum. The Chairperson shall always be present during
23 meetings.

24 The Chairperson and the members of the Management
25 Committee shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and
26 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official
27 functions subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and
28 regulations.

1 SEC. 6. *Support and Technical Assistance.* – The DENR and
2 the DOT shall provide and include in their plans the promotional
3 support and technical assistance for the operation of the Bayang
4 Historical Park and Convention Center.

5 SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the
6 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of
7 the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur. Likewise, the
8 Municipality of Bayang shall set aside an amount from any
9 available local revenue as fund in support of the operation of the
10 Bayang Historical Park and Convention Center established herein.

11 SEC. 8. *Revenues.* – The revenues generated from the
12 operations of the Bayang Historical Park and Convention Center
13 shall accrue to the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur. The
14 disbursements of these funds shall be used solely for the
15 management of the Center based on the plan approved by the
16 Management Committee.

17 SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within
18 ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Provincial
19 Government of Lanao del Sur shall, in coordination with the DENR
20 and the DOT, formulate and issue the rules and regulations
21 necessary for the implementation of this Act.

22 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
23 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper
24 of general circulation.

Approved,

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