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AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES TO TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONES AND REGISTERED TOURISM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009"

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter V, Section 85 (a) of Republic Act  
2 No. 9593 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC 85. *General Principles on the Grant and*  
4 *Administration of Incentives.* –

5 "(a) Recognizing the strategic economic importance  
6 of tourism, the necessity that investments within TEZs  
7 be properly coordinated with environmental, cultural and

1 developmental imperatives, and the fundamental  
2 differences between the export manufacturing and  
3 tourism industries, the TIEZA shall have sole and  
4 exclusive jurisdiction to grant the incentives hereinafter  
5 provided.

6 "In the formulation of rules and regulations  
7 defining and implementing these incentives, and without  
8 derogating therefrom, the TIEZA may coordinate with  
9 the Board of Investments and other government agencies  
10 or entities responsible for the grant and administration  
11 of incentives to assist in the development of a  
12 rationalized national investment incentive policy.

13 "In the grant of incentives, it shall give equal  
14 preference to large investments, those with great  
15 potential for employment generation and those of local  
16 small and medium enterprises. Registered tourism  
17 enterprises owned and operated by overseas Filipino  
18 investors shall enjoy the same incentives granted to TEZ  
19 operators and registered enterprises in general. The  
20 amount of required investments shall be defined in the  
21 implementing rules and regulations of [this Act]  
22 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593**. The incentive schemes set  
23 forth in Sections 86, 87 and 88 OF **REPUBLIC ACT**  
24 **NO. 9593** shall be [in effect for a period of ten (10) years  
25 from the effectivity of this Act, which period is]  
26 **EFFECTIVE UP TO DECEMBER 31, 2026**, subject to review

1 by the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee [on  
2 Tourism].

3 "The TIEZA shall further coordinate with the  
4 Bureau of Customs and the Bureau of Internal Revenue  
5 in the preparation and enforcement of rules and  
6 regulations to prevent the abuse of these incentives.

7 "The jurisdiction of the TIEZA in the grant and  
8 administration of incentives shall not be impliedly  
9 repealed or modified."

10 SEC. 2. Chapter VIII, Section 103 of Republic Act No. 9593  
11 is likewise amended to read as follows:

12 "Section 103. *Joint Congressional Oversight*  
13 *Committee [on Tourism]*. - A Joint Congressional  
14 Oversight Committee [on Tourism], hereinafter referred  
15 to as the "Oversight Committee", is hereby constituted  
16 in accordance with the provisions of this Act.  
17 The OVERSIGHT Committee shall be composed of the  
18 Chairpersons of the Committee on Tourism of both  
19 Houses of Congress, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE  
20 COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS OF BOTH HOUSES OF  
21 CONGRESS, the Chairperson of the Committee on  
22 Appropriations of the House of Representatives, the  
23 Chairperson of the Committee on Finance of the Senate,  
24 and three (3) additional members from each House to be  
25 designated by the Senate President and the Speaker of  
26 the House of Representatives. [The Oversight Committee

1 shall be in existence for a period of ten (10) years from  
2 the effectivity of this Act.]

3 "The Secretary shall report to the Oversight  
4 Committee on a monthly basis the latest statistics on  
5 tourist arrivals and other relevant data. He or she shall  
6 also report, on a quarterly basis, the status of  
7 implementation of this Act based on the monthly report  
8 submitted thereto by all attached agencies of the  
9 Department with respect to the implementation of their  
10 respective programs."

11 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules,  
12 and regulations or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the  
13 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified  
14 accordingly.

15 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
16 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper  
17 of general circulation.

Approved,

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