



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9028

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO.
1196

AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
STO. DOMINGO, STA. CATALINA, BANTAY,
SAN ILDEFONSO, SAN VICENTE, SINAIT, CABUGAO,
SAN JUAN, MAGSINGAL AND CAOAYAN, PROVINCE
OF ILOCOS SUR AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS,
PROVIDING FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The municipalities of Sto. Domingo, Sta.
2 Catalina, Bantay, San Ildefonso, San Vicente, Sinait, Cabugao, San
3 Juan, Magsingal and Caoayan, Province of Ilocos Sur are hereby
4 declared as tourist destinations. As such, their development shall be
5 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the
6 rules and regulations governing the development of tourist
7 destinations.

8 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the
9 DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units
10 and government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan
11 involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such
12 appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in
13 these municipalities: *Provided*, That said development plan shall

1 ensure the preservation and conservation of natural resources
2 thereat.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement
4 the tourism development plan that will suit the natural
5 characteristics of the municipalities and shall incorporate the same
6 in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

7 It shall also be the responsibility of the DOT to promote the
8 municipalities as tourist destinations in all its national, regional
9 and local promotion programs.

10 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
11 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding
12 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
13 and internally generated funds of the DOT.

14 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
15 the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and
16 regulations for its proper implementation.

17 SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive
18 orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby
19 amended accordingly.

20 SEC. 7. If any section or part of this Act is held
21 unconstitutional, no other section or provision shall be affected.

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

Approved,

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