



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ENVERGA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1157

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AN ACT DECLARING THE POLILLO GROUP OF ISLANDS OF POLILLO, BURDEOS, PANUKULAN, PATNANUNGAN AND JOMALIG AND THE CAGBALETE ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAUBAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON A TOURISM ZONE

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

1           SECTION 1. The Polillo Group of Islands of Polillo, Burdeos,  
2 Panukulan, Patnanungan and Jomalig and the Cagbalete Island in  
3 the Municipality of Mauban, Province of Quezon are hereby  
4 declared a tourism zone.

5           SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the  
6 Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Tourism  
7 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other  
8 concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism  
9 development plan involving the construction, installation and  
10 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as  
11 shall enhance tourism in said islands: *Provided*, That the  
12 development plan shall ensure the preservation, protection and  
13 enhancement of the natural features, historic significance and  
14 cultural heritage of the tourism zone, while providing sustainable  
15 economic opportunities for the local community.

1           SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement  
2 the tourism development plan and incorporate the same in its  
3 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

4           SEC. 4. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies may  
5 provide the necessary technical and financial assistance for the  
6 development of tourism infrastructure and the conduct of skills  
7 development in concerned local government units and promote the  
8 tourism zone both locally and internationally.

9           SEC. 5. The Department of Public Works and Highways  
10 (DPWH), in coordination with the DOT, shall set in place the  
11 necessary construction and improvement of roads and other  
12 infrastructure upon the promulgation of this Act and incorporate  
13 these in the DPWH's infrastructure program.

14           SEC. 6. The DOT and concerned local government units shall  
15 organize a forum by which the private sector, nongovernment  
16 organizations and other interest groups can interact with one  
17 another and create an atmosphere that shall encourage investment  
18 and develop a culture of tourism.

19           SEC. 7. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,  
20 the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for  
21 its proper implementation.

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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