



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9193

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ (M.) AND NIETO, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1319

AN ACT DECLARING THE DAO TREE LOCATED WITHIN
A POCKET SECONDARY FOREST IN THE INTEGRATED
FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IFMA) AREA
OF THE E. PELAEZ RANCH IN BAYOMBONG,
BARANGAY CUGMAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AS THE
CAGAYAN DE ORO HERITAGE TREE AND A TOURIST
ATTRACTION

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

1 SECTION 1. The Dao Tree, located within a pocket secondary
2 forest in the Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA)
3 area of the E. Pelaez Ranch in Bayombong, Barangay Cugman,
4 Cagayan de Oro City, and which is estimated to be two hundred
5 (200) years old, is hereby declared the "Cagayan de Oro Heritage
6 Tree" and a tourist attraction.

7 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the
8 Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Cagayan
9 de Oro City Cultural Heritage Conservation Council, the Tourism
10 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned

1 agencies of the government, shall prepare the tourism development
2 plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of
3 such appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall ensure its
4 protection and enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the
5 development shall ensure the tree's protection and preservation,
6 and its promotion as a tourist attraction.

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

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. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
19 circulation.

Approved,

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