



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7530

BY REPRESENTATIVES SIAO AND SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 449

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF ILIGAN A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The City of Iligan is hereby declared a tourism development area. As such,
2 its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
3 regulations governing the development of tourism development areas.

4 **Sec. 2.** The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
5 Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare the necessary
6 tourism development plan for the City of Iligan that shall include the improvement and restoration
7 of tourism sites in conformity with set standards, and the construction of hotels, resorts,
8 restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate infrastructure that shall enhance tourism
9 in the area: *Provided, That* the development plan shall ensure the preservation of the ecological
10 balance and natural beauty of the City of Iligan.

1 **Sec. 3.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the
2 DOT, shall immediately assess, plan and include in its program the construction or improvement of
3 roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects, upon promulgation of this Act.

4 **Sec. 4.** The Secretaries of the DOT and the DPWH shall include in their respective
5 Departments' programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in
6 the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

7 **Sec. 5.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the provisions of this Act and
8 incorporate it in the DOT's overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) for the ensuing
9 year.

10 **Sec. 6.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts
11 thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or
12 modified accordingly.

13 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,