

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7987

BY REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 589

**AN ACT
DISTINGUISHING THE DAO TREE LOCATED WITHIN A
SECONDARY FOREST IN THE INTEGRATED FOREST
MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE E. PELAEZ RANCH IN BAYOMBONG,
BARANGAY CUGMAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AS THE CAGAYAN
DE ORO HERITAGE TREE, DECLARING IT A TOURIST
ATTRACTION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

6 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the
7 Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Department of
8 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Cagayan de Oro City Cultural
9 Heritage Conservation Council, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise

1 Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a
2 tourism development plan involving the promotion of the Cagayan De Oro
3 Heritage Tree and its immediate environs as a tourist attraction, construction,
4 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that
5 shall enhance tourism in the area, and the strategies and activities to be
6 undertaken to ensure the protection and preservation of the tree.

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

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

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

17 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees
18 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
19 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

22 Approved,