

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES FUENTEBELLA, ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.), VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO,
CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 842

AN ACT

DECLARING THE BUTAWANAN ISLAND AREA, CONSISTING OF BARANGAYS BUTAWANAN AND SAN RAMON, AND THE SIRUMA SOUTH COASTAL AREA, CONSISTING OF BARANGAYS VITO, CABUGAO, SULPA AND BOBOAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIRUMA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS ECOTOURISM ZONES, TO BE COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE SIRUMA ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Butawan Island Area, consisting of Barangays Butawan and
2 San Ramon, and the Siruma South Coastal Area, consisting of Barangays Vito, Cabugao,
3 Sulpa and Boboan, all located in the Municipality of Siruma, Province of Camarines Sur, are
4 hereby declared as ecotourism zones, to be collectively known as the Siruma Ecotourism
5 Zone.

6 **Sec. 2.** The geodetic coordinates in the World Geodetic System 1984 of the areas to
7 be declared as the Siruma Ecotourism Zone are as follows:

8 1. Butawan Island Area, consisting of Barangays Butawan and San Ramon:

- 1 a) 14°08'10"N, 123°16'45"E
- 2 b) 14°08'25"N, 123°19'25"E
- 3 c) 14°04'15"N, 123°24'15"E
- 4 d) 14°01'30"N, 123°22'05"E
- 5 e) 14°05'45"N, 123°17'05"E

6 2. Siruma South Coastal Area, consisting of Barangays Vito, Cabugao, Sulpa and
7 Boboan:

- 8 a) 14°01'00"N, 123°14'05"E
- 9 b) 14°00'00"N, 123°16'05"E
- 10 c) 13°58'25"N, 123°15'30"E
- 11 d) 13°57'30"N, 123°17'35"E
- 12 e) 13°56'00"N, 123°17'05"E
- 13 f) 13°58'00"N, 123°13'00"E

14 **Sec. 3.** The Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Tourism
15 Infrastructure and Enterprise Authority (TIEZA), Partido Development Administration
16 (PDA), Partido State University (PSU) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall
17 consolidate all tourism development plans for the area and prepare a comprehensive
18 ecotourism development plan for the Siruma Ecotourism Zone, consistent with the national
19 tourism master plan. The development plan shall include the construction, installation and
20 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance ecotourism in
21 the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural
22 heritage of the area and the conservation of its biophysical assets, and incorporate strategies
23 and programs to promote sustainable economic opportunities for the local communities.

24 **Sec. 4.** The DOT shall incorporate the ecotourism development plan in the National
25 Tourism Development Plan, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the

1 "Tourism Act of 2009", and shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan
2 for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Siruma Ecotourism Zone in all its
3 national, regional and local promotion program.

4 The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall also provide the necessary
5 technical and financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure and the
6 conduct of skills development in concerned local government units (LGUs) and their
7 respective local communities.

8 **Sec. 5.** Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Public Works and
9 Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the PDA and the District Office of the
10 Representative of the Fourth District of the Province of Camarines Sur, shall implement and
11 fast-track the construction and improvement of roads, bridges and other infrastructure
12 necessary in the development of the Siruma Ecotourism Zone and shall prioritize the same in
13 the DPWH's infrastructure program.

14 The DOT, DPWH and the Department of Transportation shall promote the
15 progressive development of civil aviation, land and sea transportation infrastructures in the
16 Siruma Ecotourism Zone to improve accessibility and connectivity of the ecotourism zones.

17 **Sec. 6.** The DOT, PDA, PSU and concerned LGUs shall ensure the involvement of
18 the private sector, non-government organizations and other interest groups in encouraging
19 investment and developing a culture of tourism in the area.

20 **Sec. 7.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
21 consultation with PDA, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
22 implementation of this Act.

23 **Sec. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other
24 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
25 amended accordingly.

1 **Sec. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
2 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 *Approved.*