



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9000

BY REPRESENTATIVE FORTUN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 867

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF BUTUAN A HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The City of Butuan is hereby declared a heritage tourism zone. As
2 such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in
3 coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the
4 National Museum of the Philippines, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts
5 (NCCA) and other concerned government agencies, subject to the rules and regulations
6 governing the development of tourism zones.

7 The City of Butuan is rich with historical and cultural landmarks, rivers and mountain
8 resources, indigenous communities, and other areas full of potentials for heritage, prehistoric
9 and cultural tourism.

10 **Sec. 2.** The City of Butuan, situated in Region XIII, CARAGA, is bounded on the
11 North, Municipality of Magallanes, Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan del
12 Norte and Butuan Bay; on the West, Municipality of Buenavista, Agusan del Norte; on the
13 East, Municipality of Sibagat, Agusan del Sur; on the South, Municipality of Las Nieves,
14 Agusan del Norte.

15 The technical description of the City Of Butuan which is being declared as heritage
16 tourism zone is as follows:

17 Beginning at the point marked 1 on the plan being S 43° 27' W, 920.67 m. from
18 BLLM #1 CAD 668, Magallanes;

- 1 thence S 42°54'E, 2900.17 m. to point 2;
- 2 thence N 89° 59' E, 1877.92 m. to point 3;
- 3 thence S 89° 59' E, 2743.11 m. to point 4;
- 4 thence due North, 878.37 m. to point 5;
- 5 thence due North, 1153.59 m. to point 6;
- 6 thence due North, 5600.02 m. to point 7;
- 7 thence S 78° 14' E, 10688.04 m. to point 8;
- 8 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 9;
- 9 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 10;
- 10 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 11;
- 11 thence N 89° 29' E, 500.00 m. to point 12;
- 12 thence N 89° 29' E, 500.00 m. to point 13;
- 13 thence N 89° 29' E, 500.00 m. to point 14;
- 14 thence N 87° 42' E, 1408.24 m. to point 15;
- 15 thence S 86° 19' E, 594.02 m. to point 16;
- 16 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 17;
- 17 thence N 89° 29' E, 3188.03 m. to point 18;
- 18 thence S 34° 45' W, 2000.00 m. to point 19;
- 19 thence S 34° 45' W, 2000.00 m. to point 20;
- 20 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 21;
- 21 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 22;
- 22 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 23;
- 23 thence S 34° 45' W, 500.00 m. to point 24;
- 24 thence S 34° 45' W, 500.00 m. to point 25;
- 25 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 26;
- 26 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 27;
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- 28 thence S 34° 45' W, 3472.10 m. to point 28;
- 29 thence S 55° 42' W, 6585.79 m. to point 29;
- 30 thence S 38° 00' W, 1460.99 m. to point 30;
- 31 thence S 19° 06' E, 8985.89 m. to point 31;
- 32 thence S 15° 12' E, 8769.37 m. to point 32;
- 33 thence S 76° 17' W, 4366.72 m. to point 33;
- 34 thence S 89° 50' W, 16070.73 m. to point 34;
- thence N 28° 51' W, 1204.81 m. to point 35;
- thence N 52° 26' W, 5489.15 m. to point 36;
- thence N 53° 37' W, 2816.24 m. to point 37;
- thence N 06° 44' W, 6622.50 m. to point 38;
- thence N 17° 56' E, 1624.13 m. to point 39;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 500.00 m. to point 40;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 500.00 m. to point 41;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 999.97 m. to point 42;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 500.01 m. to point 43;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 500.00 m. to point 44;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 400.10 m. to point 45;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 400.10 m. to point 46;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 500.01 m. to point 47;
- thence N 16° 00' E, 500.10 m. to point 48;
- thence N 15° 59' E, 5023.49 m. to point 49;
- thence N 05° 15' W, 4235.48 m. to point 50;
- thence N 58° 29' E, 6100.91 m. to point 51;
- thence S 67° 06' E, 1171.30 m. to point 1;

28 The City of Butuan has an area of 829, 702, 477.50 sq. m. All points referred to are
 29 indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by Municipal Boundary Monuments and all
 30 points not otherwise described are concrete cylindrical monuments of 15 x 15 x 60 cm.

31 **Sec. 3.** The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise
 32 Zone Authority (TIEZA), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the
 33 NHCP, the National Museum of the Philippines, the NCCA and other concerned agencies of
 34 government, shall prepare a development plan for the City of Butuan, that shall provide for

1 its development and maintenance, including improvement and restoration of sites, where
2 appropriate, in conformity with set standards, construction of hotels, resorts, restaurants,
3 recreational facilities and other appropriate facilities and infrastructure: *Provided*, That said
4 development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage and the historical
5 significance of the area.

6 **Sec. 4.** The DPWH shall coordinate with the DOT for the necessary construction and
7 improvement of roads and other infrastructure projects upon promulgation of this Act, and
8 incorporate the design, construction and funding of the same in its infrastructure program.

9 The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan, and shall
10 incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development Plan.

11 **Sec. 5.** The Secretaries of the DOT and the DPWH shall include in their respective
12 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
13 in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally
14 generated funds of the DOT.

15 **Sec. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the
16 DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
17 this Act.

18 **Sec. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
19 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
20 accordingly.

21 **Sec. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
22 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

23 *Approved,*