



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9517

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SUANSING (E.) AND VERGARA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1012

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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS “TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA”, IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the  
2 Baptist Church, also known as “Taong Putik Dambana ni San Juan Bautista”, in Barangay  
3 Bibiclat, Municipality of Aliaga, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby declared a tourist  
4 destination. The development of the immediate environs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint  
5 John the Baptist Church shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other  
6 concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist  
7 destinations.

8           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination  
9 with the Department of Public Works and Highways and other concerned agencies of the  
10 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,  
11 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall  
12 improve the overall features of the environs surrounding the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John  
13 the Baptist Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided,*

1 That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the tourism  
2 significance of the area.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to  
4 implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the Diocesan Shrine  
5 of Saint John the Baptist Church, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development  
6 program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

7 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the  
8 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
9 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the  
10 Department.

11 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in  
12 consultation with the municipal government of Aliaga, promulgate the necessary rules and  
13 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

14 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees or other  
15 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or  
16 amended accordingly.

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

Approved,