



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9553

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1033

AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, A TOURISM 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 National Shrine of Mary, Help of
2 Christians, located in Barangay Don Bosco, Parañaque City, is hereby declared a tourism
3 destination. As such, the development of its immediate environs shall be prioritized by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the
5 Philippines (NHCP), the city government of Parañaque and other concerned agencies, subject to
6 the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

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

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

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
4 implement the appropriate tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the National
5 Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, 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 the internally generated funds of the
10 Department.

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

14 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
15 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,