



SENATE

S. No. 1615

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS ANGARA, LEGARDA, VILLANUEVA
AND ZUBIRI

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BALER IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AS THE
“BIRTHPLACE OF PHILIPPINE SURFING”

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State
2 recognizes the role of tourism as a driver of economic
3 growth and development and shall, therefore, pursue
4 policies that cultivate, strengthen, and promote the
5 heritage of our tourism destinations. Towards this end, it
6 shall endeavour to underscore and feature the historical
7 significance and origins of our world-renowned tourism
8 destinations.

1 SEC. 2. *Municipality of Baler in the Province of*
2 *Aurora as the Birthplace of Philippine Surfing.* – In
3 recognition of its status as one of the premiere surfing sites
4 in the country and for earning a significant spot in the
5 history and origin of Philippine surfing, it is hereby
6 declared that the Municipality of Baler in the Province of
7 Aurora be the Birthplace of Philippine Surfing.

8 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts,
9 presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential
10 proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts
11 thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of
12 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or
13 modified accordingly.

14 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect
15 fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the
16 Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general
17 circulation.

Approved,