



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7545

BY REPRESENTATIVES MADRONA AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 423

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ANDRES, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON,
A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of San Andres, Province of Romblon, is hereby declared
2 a tourism development area (TDA), and hereinafter shall be referred to as the San Andres TDA.

3 **SEC. 2.** The San Andres TDA shall include the following areas within the municipality
4 that are endowed with scenic beauty and natural attractions:

- 5 a) Coastal areas of Barangay Agpudlos;
- 6 b) Barangays Poblacion and Tan-agan, known for their respective baywalks;
- 7 c) Barangay Mabini, where the *Sapatos* Point is located;
- 8 d) Barangay Linawan, where the Mablaran Falls is located; and
- 9 e) Mountain destinations and scenic attractions of Barangays Victoria, Marigondon Norte and
10 Marigondon Sur.

1 **SEC. 3.** The development of the San Andres TDA shall be prioritized and supported by
2 the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
3 of tourism development areas.

4 **SEC. 4.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
5 San Andres shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
6 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
7 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and
8 facilities to enhance tourism in the San Andres TDA: *Provided*, That said development plan shall
9 ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the areas: *Provided*,
10 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget
11 of the municipal government of San Andres.

12 **SEC. 5.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of San Andres in the
13 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
14 capacity building. It shall also include the San Andres TDA in its national and regional promotion
15 programs.

16 **SEC. 6.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
17 budget of the municipal government of San Andres. The DOT may augment such allocation with
18 internally-generated funds.

19 **SEC. 7.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government
20 of San Andres shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
21 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

22 **SEC. 8.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
23 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **SEC. 9.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent
2 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

3 **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
4 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,