



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8034

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BY REPRESENTATIVE YAP (C.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 514

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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE TWIN ISLANDS OF SAN PEDRO AND SAN PABLO, LOCATED  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINUNANGAN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE,  
AS ECOTOURISM ZONES**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Twin Islands of San Pedro and San Pablo located in the Municipality  
2 of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte, are hereby declared as ecotourism zones. Pursuant  
3 thereto, their development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism  
4 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government  
6 of Hinunangan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
7 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a joint tourism development  
8 plan for the Twin Islands of San Pedro and San Pablo that shall include the construction,  
9 installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism  
10 in the areas: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and  
11 conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the areas: *Provided, further*, That the  
12 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the  
13 municipal government of Hinunangan.

14           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Hinunangan in the  
15 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism

1 capacity building. It shall also include the Twin Islands of San Pedro and San Pablo in its  
2 national and regional promotion programs.

3         **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
4 budget of the municipal government of Hinunangan. The DOT may augment such allocation  
5 with internally-generated funds.

6         **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
7 government of Hinunangan shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of  
8 the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

9         **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the  
10 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

11         **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances  
12 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended  
13 accordingly.

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

Approved,