



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8036

BY REPRESENTATIVES YAP (C.) AND CARL, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 516

**AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY NAPANTAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN
FRANCISCO, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Barangay Napantao in the Municipality of San Francisco, Province of
2 Southern Leyte, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development shall
3 be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 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 San Francisco shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
8 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure
9 and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
10 the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*,
11 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
12 budget of the municipal government of San Francisco.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of San Francisco in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include Barangay Napantao in its national and regional
4 promotion programs.

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

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

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

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14 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended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

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

Approved,