



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8063

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BY REPRESENTATIVES EMANO, SUAN AND UNABIA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 517

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL A TOURISM  
DEVELOPMENT AREA**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Province of Misamis Oriental is hereby declared a tourism development  
2 area. Pursuant thereto, tourism development in the Province of Misamis Oriental shall be  
3 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations  
4 governing the development of tourism development areas.

5           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the local government of the  
6 Province of Misamis Oriental shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Public Works  
7 and Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned agencies of the  
8 government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation  
9 and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the  
10 province: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of

1 the natural beauty, resources, and historical significance of the identified areas for tourism  
2 development: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be  
3 included in the budget of the local government of the Province of Misamis Oriental.

4 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local government of the Province of Misamis Oriental in  
5 the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
6 capacity building. It shall also include the Province of Misamis Oriental in its national and regional  
7 promotion programs.

8 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
9 budget of the local government of the Province of Misamis Oriental. The DOT may augment such  
10 allocation with internally-generated funds.

11 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the local government of  
12 the Province of Misamis Oriental shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of  
13 the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

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

Approved,