



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8464

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRUZ (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 656

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE INNOVATIVE TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY FOR
ORNAMENTAL PLANTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE iLAB GARDEN CITY PROJECT,
LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIGUINTO,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, A TOURISM SITE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Innovative Tissue Culture Laboratory for ornamental plants, also
2 known as the iLAB Garden City Project, located in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Guiguinto,
3 Province of Bulacan, is hereby declared a tourism site. As such, its development shall be prioritized
4 and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing
5 the development of tourism sites.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
7 Guiguinto, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and
8 concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the
9 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
10 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall promote environmental,

1 economic and scientific significance of tissue culture technology: *Provided, further,* That the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal
3 government of Guiguinto.

4 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Guiguinto in the
5 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
6 capacity building. It shall also include the iLAB Garden City Project in all its regional and national
7 promotion programs.

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

11 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government
12 of Guiguinto shall, in consultation with the DOT, DOST and concerned agencies of the
13 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,