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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 1464

Introduced by HON. JULIETTE T. UY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the declared policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is economically viable, ecologically sustainable, participative, culturally-sensitive, and equitable for local communities.

Thus, it is our shared responsibility to promote and develop tourism as a major socio-economic activity to generate income, to create employment and livelihood opportunities, and to spread the benefits of tourism nationally and locally.

The province of Misamis Oriental offers various tourism potentials for seasoned travellers looking for the opportunities aside from the usual tourist attractions as advertised in various modes and media.

With its many nature parks, coastal areas and a multicultural population, it is the most convenient starting point towards the many attractions that the Northern Mindanao Region has to offer.

But the tourism infrastructure including road networks, accommodations and related projects are yet disparate and lacking in some areas in the province.

Hence the need for a specific coherent policy that shall guide the formulation of sound tourism plans and codes at the local level is needed for the province, districts, cities and municipalities.

This bill shall mandate that Misamis Oriental shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing tourism zones.

The Tourism Development Plan of Misamis Oriental shall be also incorporated in the DOT's overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP).

The private sector will also be further encouraged to invest in tourism-related endeavours such as resorts, restaurants, transportation, tours and travel offices and the like if tourism efforts will be guided by a national law that will gear aggressive tourism advancement that shall spur local and national economic development in Misamis Oriental.

This advancement will also bring about an improved peace and order situation brought about by a constituency that is gainfully employed in thriving tourism businesses.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

Approved,


HON. JULIETTE T. UY
Representative
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AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL A TOURISM
ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Province of Misamis Oriental is hereby declared a tourism zone. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zones.

SECTION 2. The Province of Misamis Oriental is rich with small island ecosystems, waterfalls, beaches, rivers, sea and mountain resources; historical and natural landmarks; indigenous communities; and other areas full of potentials for the ecotourism industry.

SECTION 3. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare the necessary tourism spot development plan, providing for their development and maintenance, including improvement and restoration of sites, where appropriate, in conformity with set forth standards, construction of hotels, resorts, restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate facilities and infrastructure: *Provided, That the said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the ecological balance and natural beauty of the area/s concerned.*

SECTION 4. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the DOT, shall set forth in place the necessary construction and/or improvement of roads and other infrastructure upon the promulgation of this Act and incorporate it in its infrastructure program.

SECTION 5. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and incorporate it in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing year. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

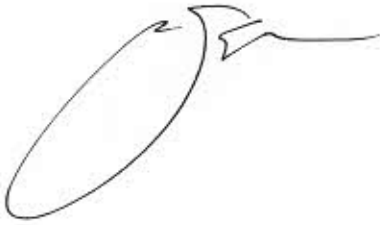
SECTION 6. The Secretary of the DOT and the Secretary of the DPWH shall include in their respective Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of

which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or charged against the internally generated funds of the DOT.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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