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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8537

Introduced by Hon. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cognizant of the severe impact of the six-month shutdown of Boracay Island on families, businesses, and the local economy of Boracay Island, as well as the entire municipalities of Malay and Caticlan in the Aklan Province, this proposed *Boracay Cleanup Shutdown Assistance and Ecological Sustainability Act of 2018* provides cash grants and tax relief.

For corporations, proprietorships, partnerships, and cooperatives based, physically-located and operating in Boracay Island and the Municipalities of Malay and Caticlan in the Province of Aklan, there shall be a one-time allowable extraordinary operating loss deduction equivalent to fifty percent of audited operating losses incurred in taxable year 2018.

For resident households or families of Boracay Island and the Municipalities of Malay and Caticlan in the Province of Aklan, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall extend a special monthly cash grant in the following amounts:

- a) Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) for every household member of families already enrolled in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the DSWD;
- b) Five hundred pesos for every household member of families not enrolled in the 4Ps of the DSWD, but whose income are derived purely from monthly compensation income of less than twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00).

Funding for the Pantawid Cash Grants provided in this Act shall be sourced from the President's Social Fund, one percent of the the lotto income of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and from taxes the national government earned from the implementation of Republic Act 10963.

This bill establishes a Boracay Ecological Sustainability Fund to be jointly administered by a Council made up of the Secretary of Tourism, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, the chief executives of the barangays of Boracay Island and the municipalities of Malay and Caticlan of the Province of Aklan, and representatives of the local business and civil society sectors.

The Fund shall partly finance the Boracay-Malay-Caticlan Sustainability Master Plan formulated and approved by the Fund Council.

Funding for the Boracay Ecological Sustainability Fund shall be derived from a Boracay Sustainability Fee of twenty pesos (P20.00) to be paid by every passenger of airlines and passenger ships traveling to and from Boracay, Caticlan, or Malay.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENT HOUSEHOLDS
AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE SIX-MONTH SHUTDOWN OF
BORACAY ISLAND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Boracay Cleanup
Shutdown Assistance and Ecological Sustainability Act*".

Section 2. *One-Time Extraordinary Allowable Operating Loss Deductions for
Businesses in Boracay.*

For corporations, proprietorships, partnerships, and cooperatives based,
physically-located and operating in Boracay Island and the Municipalities of
Malay and Caticlan in the Province of Aklan, there shall be a one-time
allowable extraordinary operating loss deduction equivalent to fifty percent of
audited operating losses incurred in taxable year 2018.

Section 3. Pantawid Cash Grants. For resident households or families of
Boracay Island and the Municipalities of Malay and Caticlan in the Province of
Aklan, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall extend a
special monthly cash grant in the following amounts:

- a) Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) for every household member of families already enrolled in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the DSWD;
- b) Five hundred pesos for every household member of families not enrolled in the 4Ps of the DSWD, but whose income are derived purely from monthly compensation income of less than twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00).

Section 4. Boracay Ecological Sustainability Fund. There is hereby established a Boracay Ecological Sustainability Fund, hereinafter referred to as the Fund, to be jointly administered by a Council made up of the Secretary of Tourism, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, the chief executives of the barangays of Boracay Island and the municipalities of Malay and Caticlan of the Province of Aklan, and representatives of the local business and civil society sectors.

The Fund shall partly finance the Boracay-Malay-Caticlan Sustainability Master Plan formulated and approved by the Fund Council.

Section 4. Appropriations. Funding for the Pantawid Cash Grants provided in this Act shall be sourced from the President's Social Fund, one percent of the the lotto income of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and from taxes the national government earned from the implementation of Republic Act 10963.

Funding for the Boracay Ecological Sustainability Fund shall be derived from a Boracay Sustainability Fee of twenty pesos (P20.00) to be paid by every passenger of airlines and passenger ships traveling to and from Boracay, Caticlan, or Malay.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Tourism, Department of Environment and Natural resources, and the department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Finance, shall, not later than sixty days from the effectivity of this Act, formulate and promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

Section 6. Separability. - If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the online version of the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or with established internet website presence.

Approved.