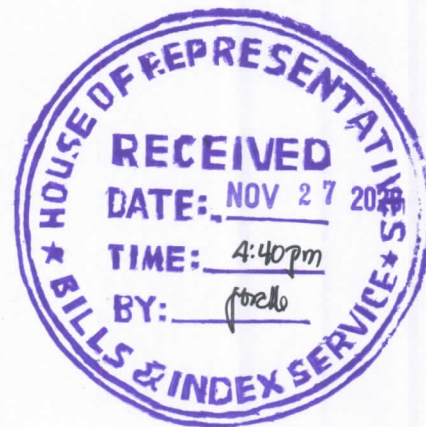


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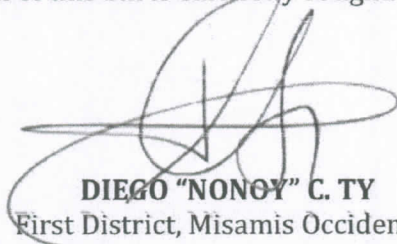
EXPLANATORY NOTE

With tourism regarded as an indispensable element of national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, this proposed measure seeks to declare the Bawbawon Island in the Municipality of Plaridel, Province of Misamis Occidental as tourist destination.

Facing the Mindanao Sea and with a total land area of twenty-three (23) hectares, the Bawbawon Island is endowed with fine white beaches and green foliage. Although still undeveloped, the island is already patronized for leisure by local residents coming not only from its home municipality, but also from the whole province of Misamis Occidental and its neighboring localities. Foreign guests occasionally visit the island also. With its natural features, the Bawbawon Island projects a promising future for tourism and economic activities to flourish which, when tapped and managed properly, will benefit not only the people of Plaridel but also the people of the province.

Given this inclination, it is imperative that proactive measures be taken in order to make tourism in the Bawbawon Island economically viable as well as ethically and socially equitable for its residents. When declared as tourist destination, the Bawbawon Island shall be covered by the relevant programs and projects of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other pertinent government agencies such as the creation of a development plan that includes the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure that will help improve the overall feature of the island. It will also help ensure tourism will be ecologically sustainable and responsible as its preservation and conservation will also be prioritized through approaches such as the National Ecotourism Strategy and the National Tourism Development Plan.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
DECLARING THE BAWBAWON ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR
ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Bawbawon Island located in Barangay Panalsalan, Municipality of Plaridel, Province of Misamis Occidental is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

SEC. 2. The technical description of the Bawbawon Island being declared as tourist destination are as follows:

From 8° 36' 00" N to 8° 36' 36.00" N Latitude
From 123° 43' 48.00" E to 123° 45' 36.00" E Longitude

SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall improve the overall feature of the area, thereby ensuring the accessibility and security of tourists.: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of historic significance of the area: *Provided, further*, That any activities and developments to be carried out in the area should conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided in the National Ecotourism Strategy jointly issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the DOT.

SEC. 4. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan that will suit the needs of Bawbawon Island and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development Plan.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with the local government unit of Plaridel, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,