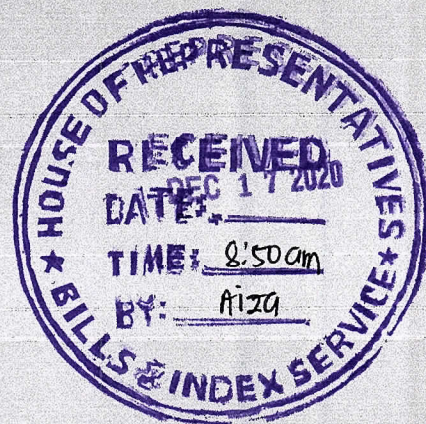


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Mining and other extractive industries are among the most destructive activities on the planet, especially for indigenous and farming communities. The minerals, metals, fuel and timber that extractive industries seek are very profitable, that resisting them from the injurious utilization and degradation of the environment is a huge undertaking-much to the disadvantage of future generations.

The City of Iligan is endowed with rich natural resources specially in our Hinterlands (which comprises 80% of our land area), highly diverse cultures and is a strategic trading site in Central Mindanao. Protecting our Hinterlands is a necessary move for this Representation.

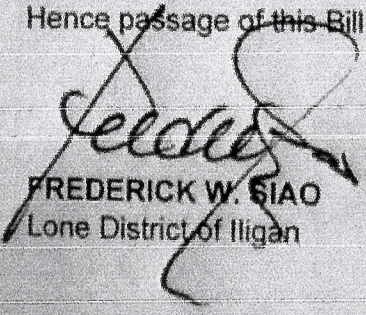
The right to a balanced and healthful ecology is solemnly incorporated in the fundamental law of our land. Section 16 Article II of the 1987 Constitution concerns the inter-generational responsibility to preserve and protect our environment that is capable of sustaining life.

The said right implies among many other things, the correlative duty to refrain from impairing the environment. It is founded in the behavior suitable to treat the environment as a valuable asset, rather than a collection of things to be exploited and discarded.

The catastrophic effects of mining are the conditions that our children and future generations will have to endure-a deadly inheritance abridging the right to life, livelihood, health and security.

We are the world that we live in, and the people of Iligan City choose to live free of mining.

Hence passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF ILIGAN A MINING FREE ZONE AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

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

Section1. State of Policy -It is the policy of the state to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the State shall protect the people and the environment of its territories from the harmful effects of mining.

Section2. Declaration of Iligan City as a Mining Free Zone -The City of Iligan is hereby declared a mining free zone, thereby all forms of mining activity within its territorial jurisdiction is prohibited.

For the purpose of this Act, mining shall refer to the extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials from the earth and shall include such mining activities as exploration, feasibility, development, utilization and processing and large-scale quarry operations involving cement raw materials, marble, granite, sand and gravel construction aggregates. Provided, however, that the quarrying of gravel, sand and cement raw materials is exempted from the coverage of this Act, subject, however, to the requirements of existing mining and environment laws.

Section3. Penal Provision -Violation of this Act is punishable by no less than six (6) years but not more than twelve (12) years of imprisonment. Fines shall also be imposed in the amount of not less than One Million Pesos (P 1,000,000) but not more than Two Million Pesos (P 2,000,000)

If the violator is a corporation or association, the president and the manager of said corporation or association or its agent or representative in the Philippines, in the

case of a foreign corporation or association, shall directly be held liable for the violation of this Act.

Alien offender who rendered service of his/her sentence and/or paid the fines imposed herein, shall be deported immediately.

Section 4. Implementing rules and regulations.- The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 5. Separability Clause.- If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity.-This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.