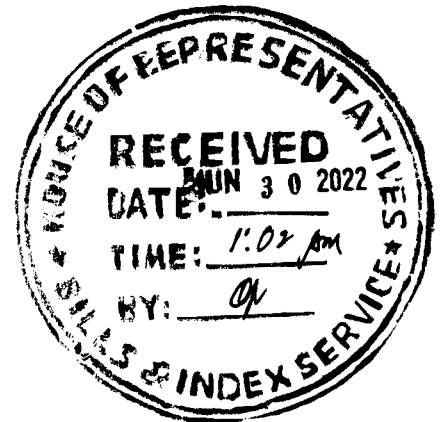


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 105



Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Bagacay Point Lighthouse in the Municipality of Liloan, Province of Cebu, as a tourist destination of the Philippines.

Section 1, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged.

Furthermore, Republic Act No. 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009 declared tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy that shall spur socio-economic growth, investment and employment in the country.

Liloan is a first class municipality in the province of Cebu, with a total population of 153,197 residing in its 14 barangays, and a total land area of 5,210 hectares as per the 2020 Philippine National Census. On September 2020, a census was conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority. It is home to a number of industries, such as livestock and vegetable farming, baking, ceramics, and manufacturing, among others. It is also home to some of the best delicacies in the Philippines, such as rosquillos and masi.

Notably, Liloan is home to several natural and man-made tourist attractions, particularly, the Bagacay Point Lighthouse, which the locals call as the *Parola sa Liloan*.

The Bagacay Point Lighthouse was erected under the administration of Governor William Howard Taft in 1904. The Lighthouse is 72 feet tall and gives light up to 17 nautical miles. It is an active lighthouse that served as a guide to sea vessels that pass through the Northeast portion of the Cebu Harbor since 1905, and has continued to do so for over a hundred years. The Bagacay Point Lighthouse is one of the few remaining lighthouses that show American architecture in the

country, and was declared a National Historical Marker last August 13, 2004. The lighthouse is the reason why Liloan was given the nickname, "The Light of the North."

In this light, the Bill was filed which declares the Bagacay Point Lighthouse as a tourism destination in the Philippines and a tourist spot in the Fifth District of the Province of Cebu.

The declaration of this lighthouse as a tourism destination will bring in the surge of tourists in the area, whether foreign or domestic, and will bring in significant economic gains in the province.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.



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14 **AN ACT**
15 **DECLARING THE BAGACAY POINT LIGHTHOUSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
16 **LILLOAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR**
17 **ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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20 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
21 assembled:
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24 Section 1. The Bagacay Point Lighthouse located in Barangay Catarman, Municipality of
25 Liloan, Fifth District of the Province of Cebu, is hereby declared as tourist destination.
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27 As such, the development of this tourist spot shall be prioritized by the Department of
28 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist
29 destinations.
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31 Section 2. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with
32 the concerned local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism
33 development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate
34 facilities that enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That the development plan shall ensure the
35 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: Provided, further,
36 That any activities and developments to be carried out in the area must conform with the concept
37 of ecotourism as provided in the national ecotourism strategy jointly issued by the Department of
38 Environment and Natural Resources and the DOT.
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40 Section 3. The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the
41 tourism development plan that suits the natural characteristics of the Bagacay Point Lighthouse
42 and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development and program for the ensuing calendar
43 year. It shall also include the Bagacay Point Lighthouse in all its national, regional, and local
44 promotion programs.

1 Section 4. The Secretary of Tourism shall include in the DOT's program the
2 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
3 Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.
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5 Section 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Tourism,
6 in consultation with the Municipality of Liloan, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
7 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.
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9 Section 6. All laws, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, or parts thereof,
10 inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.
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12 Section 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official
13 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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15 Approved,