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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1861



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Mindanao Civic Center complex in the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte has been a primary venue for various sports competitions, both local and international in scope. The Mindanao Civic Center is known for its world-class facilities for sports which is why it has been favored to be a venue for different sporting events.

Recently, the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) held one of its regular season games at the MCC Gymnasium. The MCC Gym was jampacked with people not only from the Province of Lanao del Norte but from different parts of the country to watch their favorite sport.

The MCC Complex is also the home of a world class motocross circuit, and has hosted local and international motocross competitions participated by world-renowned racers. The MCC Sports Complex also hosted the Palarong Pambansa wherein student-athletes all over the country participated in the said competitions.

During these sporting events, the Province of Lanao del Norte accommodated the delegates and visitors and promoted the Province to many sports enthusiasts and organizers. With these compelling reasons, it is important for the national government to give support for the sustainable development of the Mindanao Civic Center and the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte and help in promoting the said complex by declaring it a sports tourism destination.

It is the primary objective of this bill that by declaring it as a national sports tourist spot, the Mindanao Civic Center in Tubod be known to the country and in the international community as a world class tourism destination for sports. Doing so will certainly increase awareness and appreciation for the site and will foster both local and international interest and attention that may eventually increase economic activity in the host municipality and attract investors in the province of Lanao del Norte.

In view of these premises, and as a refiled bill from the previous Congress, the prompt approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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REP. MOHAMAD KHALID Q. DIMAPORO

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AN ACT

DECLARING THE MINDANAO CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, A SPORTS TOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Mindanao Civic Center Complex located in the Municipality of Tubod, Province of Lanao del Norte, is hereby declared as a sports tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

SECTION 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of government, shall prepare an ecotourism development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities that shall enhance ecotourism in the area. The said development plan shall be submitted to the Province of Lanao del Norte Tourism Council for approval.

SECTION 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan for the Mindanao Civic Center and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development Plan.

SECTION 4. 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 shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the DOT.

SECTION 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

