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House Bill No. 5741



Introduced by

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AN ACT
DECLARING SITIO TIMOGA IN BARANGAY BURU-UN IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE TO BE KNOWN AS
THE TIMOGA ECOTOURISM ZONE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sitio Timoga is one of the thirty-five (35) sitios of Barangay Buru-un in Iligan City. It has immense potential for tourism for its enjoyable panoramic views and cold spring resorts, collectively known as the Timoga Springs, which are located along the coastal highway. The pristine, crystal, and cold waters running along the spring pools are flowing from Lake Lanao in Marawi City. Currently, there are five cold spring resorts in the sitio.

Sitio Timoga is also the home to the Macapagal-Macaraeg Ancestral House, a popular historical landmark in Barangay Buru-un where the former Philippine Presidents Diosdado Macapagal and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo used to reside. In 2002, the ancestral house was declared by the National Historical Institute as a heritage house. The house, including a two-hectare coco land, was donated to Iligan City.

This proposed measure is in conjunction with another bill that seeks to allocate a budget for the construction of Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center

in the same sitio that will serve as a venue for conventions, conferences, assemblies, and other major events.

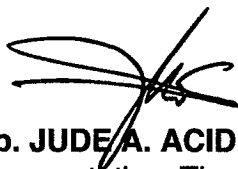
This bill seeks to declare Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, an ecotourism zone to be known as the Timoga Ecotourism Zone. Declaring the sitio as an ecotourism site will generate not only community business opportunities but also job opportunities to the residents of the area. It will also ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection, and conservation of Sitio Timoga.

This measure has been filed by former Lone District of Iligan Representative Frederick W. Siao in the 18th Congress but it remained pending with its primary committee referral – Committee on Tourism.

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



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

Section 1. *Declaration of Timoga Ecotourism Zone.* Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, is declared an ecotourism zone to be known as the Timoga Ecotourism Zone. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

Section 2. *Technical Description of the Timoga Ecotourism Zone.* The technical descriptions of the Timoga Ecotourism Zone, declared as a tourist destination, are as follows:

- a. Macapagal-Macaraeg Ancestral House – Lot 6-c-5-A which is a portion of Lot 6-c, Psd-12-010341.

Beginning at a point denominated as corner # 1 being N 69 degrees 26' m E. 1077.85 m from B.L.B.M. No. 1 Barrio of Buru-un, Iligan City,

Thence N 80 degrees 00' E. 122.47 to point 2

Thence S 13 degrees 17' E. 29.56m to point 3

Thence	S 81 degrees	30' W.	19.34m	to point 4
Thence	S 38 degrees	04' W.	25.62m	to point 5
Thence	S 83 degrees	35' W.	66.58m	to point 6
Thence	N 84 degrees	28' W.	16.64m	to point 7
Thence	N 31 degrees	21' W.	22.60m	to point 8
Thence	N 6 degrees	51' E.	17.19m	to point 6

Point of beginning, containing an area of five thousand square meters (5,000 sqm);

- b. Proposed Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center – Lot 6-c-10 which is a portion of 1st 6-c, Psd 12-010341.

Beginning at a point marked 1 on plan which is N 76 degrees 22'E 1,704.67m from B.L.B.M. No. 1 Barangay of Buru-un, Iligan City.

Thence	S 87 degrees		64.86 m	to point 2
Thence	S 14 degrees		191.56 m	to point 3
Thence	S 57 degrees	01' W.	54.88 m	to point 4
Thence	N 26 degrees	40' W.	137.45 m	to point 5
Thence	N 57 degrees	01' E.	111.07 m	to point 6
Thence	N 33 degrees	50' E.	7.60 m	to point 7
Thence	N 07 degrees	07' W.	39.15 m	to point 8
Thence	N 82 degrees	52' E.	20 m	to point 1

To point of beginning containing an area of twenty thousand square meters (20,000 sqm); and,

- c. Macapagal-Macaraeg Business Center and Amusement Park – a parcel of land Lot 6-C, of the subdivision plan Psd-12-010341, being a portion of Lot 6, Psu-72860, situated in the Barrio of Buru-un, City of Iligan.

Thence	N 80 degrees	00' E	180.74 m	to point 2
Thence	N 80 degrees	00' E	160.00 m	to point 3
Thence	N 63 degrees	08' E	203.15 m	to point 4
Thence	N 45 degrees	52' E	10.99 m	to point 6
Thence	S 60 degrees	06' E	25.36 m	to point 8
Thence	S 7 degrees	07' E	164.65 m	to point 10
Thence	S 14 degrees	50' W	191.56 m	to point 12

Thence	S 58 degrees	23' W	15.64 m	to point 14
Thence	N 36 degrees	43' W	39.35 m	to point 16
Thence	N 34 degrees	11' W	68.87 m	to point 18
Thence	S 59 degrees	24' W	33.12 m	to point 20
Thence	S 81 degrees	30' W	64.77 m	to point 22
Thence	S 83 degrees	35' W	66.68 m	to point 24
Thence	N 66 degrees	43' W	26.36 m	to point 26
Thence	S 81 degrees	53' W	10.33 m	to point 28
Thence	N 65 degrees	55' E	26.16 m	to point 30
Thence	N 83 degrees	18' E	16.11 m	to point 32
Thence	N 47 degrees	24' E	123.36 m	to point 5
Thence	S 2 degrees	19' E	13.82 m	to point 7
Thence	S 20 degrees	30' W	31.05 m	to point 9
Thence	S 87 degrees	05' E	64.86 m	to point 11
Thence	S 57 degrees	01' W	205.70 m	to point 13
Thence	N 36 degrees	43' W	246.69 m	to point 15
Thence	N 74 degrees	15' W	39.24 m	to point 17
Thence	N 46 degrees	47' W	9.12 m	to point 19
Thence	S 85 degrees	49' W	22.46 m	to point 21
Thence	S 38 degrees	04' W	25.62 m	to point 23
Thence	N 84 degrees	28' W	27.69 m	to point 25
Thence	S 46 degrees	30' W	15.87 m	to point 27
Thence	N 30 degrees	52' W	20.42 m	to point 29
Thence	S 57 degrees	57' E	18.64 m	to point 31
Thence	N 6 degrees	51' E	17.19 m	to point 1

To the point of beginning containing an area of one hundred eleven thousand four hundred forty-two square meters (111,442 sqm).

The Timoga Ecotourism Zone shall contain a land area of one hundred thirty-six thousand four hundred forty-two square meters (136,442 sqm), more or less.

Section 3. *Tourism Development Plan.* Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the local government units of the City of Iligan and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the activities and developments to be carried out in the area shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided in the national ecotourism strategy jointly issued by the DOT and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Section 4. *Implementation of the Tourism Development Plan.* The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan that suits the natural characteristics of Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Timoga Ecotourism Zone in all its national, regional, and local promotion programs.

Section 5. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT.

Section 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Tourism shall, in consultation with the local government units of the City of Iligan, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 7. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended, or revised accordingly.

Section 8. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,