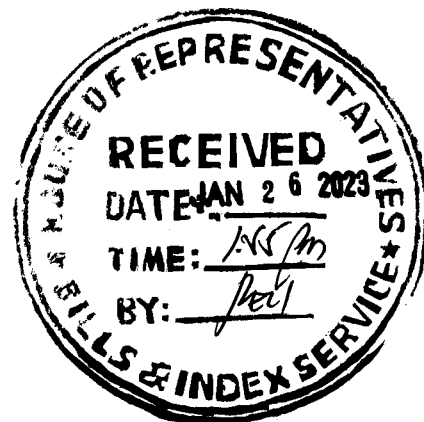


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6925



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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

At the heart of the Philippines is the Island Province of Romblon. As it is known for its lucrative marble industry, the province is also endowed with diverse flora and fauna found in its breath-taking landscapes and seascapes. One of the towns that stands out and is, so far, underrated by tourists, is the Municipality of Santa Fe.

The said town, a fifth-class municipality, is situated in the southern tip of Tablas Island in Romblon. Tourism, as an instrument of growth, could ensure a boost in its local economy, generate more jobs and secure further investments that will benefit the whole *Romblomanons*.

The Municipality of Santa Fe has a collective abundance of scenic landscapes and attractions such as: the white sand beaches along the coastal line of its nine (9) barangays; the island of Puro with its powdery white sand beaches, underwater coral reefs and fish sanctuary; the panoramic view of Sabang Cove and Agbulalo Beach in Barangay Danao; the diving site in Barangay Agmanic with its untouched underwater environment; the mystical Mt. Calatong; the breathtaking views in various areas, like the scenic hill views of Mat-I and Danao Sur areas; and the heritage houses, among others.

Through legislation, this representation seeks to place the Municipality of Santa Fe as one of the foreign and local travelers' must-see destinations in the country - as it is indeed an emerging paradise.

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

**ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON,**  
**A TOURISM DESTINATION**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Santa Fe, Province of Romblon, is hereby declared a  
2 tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the municipality shall be prioritized and  
3 supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing  
4 the development of tourism destinations.

5       **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of  
6 Santa Fe shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
7 and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include  
8 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to  
9 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation  
10 and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided further*, That the  
11 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal  
12 government of Santa Fe.

1           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Santa Fe in the implementation  
2 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It  
3 shall also include the Municipality of Santa Fe in its national and regional promotion programs.

4           **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
5 budget of the municipal government of Santa Fe. The DOT may augment such allocation with  
6 internally-generated funds.

7           **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government  
8 of Santa Fe shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,  
9 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

10           **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other  
11 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

12           **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent  
13 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

16           Approved,