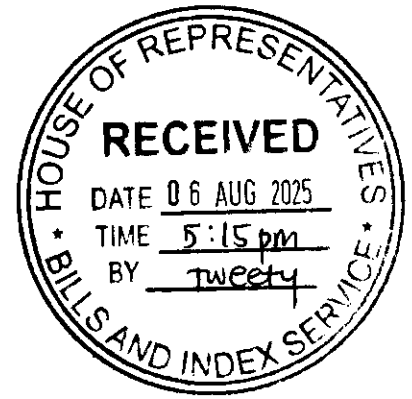


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8 **HOUSE BILL NO. 3311**
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12 Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO
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15 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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17 This bill seeks to declare the Bagacay Point Lighthouse in the Municipality of Liloan,
18 Province of Cebu, as a tourist destination of the Philippines.
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20 The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 105, substituted by House Bill No.
21 7551, which was previously filed in the 19th Congress and approved by the House on May 09,
22 2023. It was transmitted to the Senate on May 10, 2023. However, up to the present, the proposal
23 has not materialized.
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25 Section 1, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the goals of the
26 national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a
27 sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of
28 the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially
29 the underprivileged.
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31 Furthermore, Republic Act No. 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009 declared tourism as an
32 indispensable element of the national economy that shall spur socio-economic growth, investment
33 and employment in the country.
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35 Liloan is a first class municipality in the province of Cebu, with a total population of
36 153,197 residing in its 14 barangays, and a total land area of 5,210 hectares as per the 2020
37 Philippine National Census. On September 2020, a census was conducted by the Philippine
38 Statistics Authority. It is home to a number of industries, such as livestock and vegetable farming,
39 baking, ceramics, and manufacturing, among others. It is also home to some of the best delicacies
40 in the Philippines, such as *rosquillos* and *masi*.
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42 Notably, Liloan is home to several natural and man-made tourist attractions, particularly,
43 the Bagacay Point Lighthouse, which the locals call as the *Parola sa Liloan*.
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45 The Bagacay Point Lighthouse was erected under the administration of Governor William
46 Howard Taft in 1904. The Lighthouse is 72 feet tall and gives light up to 17 nautical miles. It is an

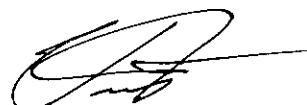
1 active lighthouse that served as a guide to sea vessels that pass through the Northeast portion of
2 the Cebu Harbor since 1905, and has continued to do so for over a hundred years. The Bagacay
3 Point Lighthouse is one of the few remaining lighthouses that show American architecture in the
4 country, and was declared a National Historical Marker last August 13, 2004. The lighthouse is
5 the reason why Liloan was given the nickname, "The Light of the North."
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7 In this light, the Bill was filed which declares the Bagacay Point Lighthouse as a tourism
8 destination in the Philippines and a tourist spot in the Fifth District of the Province of Cebu.
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10 The declaration of this lighthouse as a tourism destination will bring in the surge of tourists
11 in the area, whether foreign or domestic, and will bring in significant economic gains in the
12 province.
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14 In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.
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15 **AN ACT**
16 **DECLARING THE BAGACAY POINT LIGHTHOUSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
17 **LILLOAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR**
18 **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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23 Section 1. The Bagacay Point Lighthouse located in the Municipality of Liloan, Province
24 of Cebu, is hereby declared a tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
25 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
26 governing the development of tourism destinations.
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28 Section 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
29 Liloan shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a
30 tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such
31 appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That said
32 development plan shall ensure the preservation of the historical significance of the area: Provided,
33 further, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget
34 of the municipal government of Liloan.
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36 Section 3. The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Liloan in the implementation
37 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
38 shall also include the Bagacay Point Lighthouse in its national and regional promotion programs.
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40 Section 4. The Secretary of Tourism shall include in the DOT's program the
41 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
42 Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.
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44 The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of
45 the municipal government of Liloan. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally-
46 generated funds.

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2 Section 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government
3 of Liloan shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
4 promulgate rules and regulation to implement this Act.
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6 Section 6. All laws, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with
7 any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.
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9 Section 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official
10 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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12 Approved,