



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9512

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AN ACT

DISTINGUISHING THE DAO TREE, LOCATED WITHIN A SECONDARY FOREST IN THE INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IFMA) AREA OF THE E. PELAEZ RANCH IN BAYOMBONG, BARANGAY CUGMAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO HERITAGE TREE, AND DECLARING IT AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Dao tree, located within a secondary forest in the
2 Integrated Forest Management Agreement area of the E. Pelaez Ranch in
3 Bayombong, Barangay Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City, and which is estimated
4 to be two hundred (200) years old, is hereby declared the Cagayan de Oro
5 Heritage Tree and a tourist attraction.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City
7 Government of Cagayan de Oro shall, in coordination with the Department of
8 Tourism (DOT), Department of Environment and Natural Resources, National
9 Commission for Culture and the Arts, Cagayan de Oro City Cultural Heritage
10 Conservation Council, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority
11 (TIEZA), and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism
12 development plan involving the protection and preservation of the Cagayan de

Oro Heritage Tree and the development of its immediate environs that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the City Government of Cagayan de Oro.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the City Government of Cagayan de Oro in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Cagayan de Oro Heritage Tree in all its national and regional promotion programs.

SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the City Government of Cagayan de Oro. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally generated funds.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the City Government of Cagayan de Oro shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,