



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9536

BY REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (M.A.)

AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS “TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA”, LOCATED IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AS A TOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the
2 Baptist Church, also known as “Taong Putik Dambana ni San Juan Bautista”, located
3 in Barangay Bibiclat, Municipality of Aliaga, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby
4 declared as tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate
5 environs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist Church shall be prioritized
6 and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
7 regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

8 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
9 Government of Aliaga shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of
10 the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the
11 construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and
12 facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the

1 Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility
2 and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the
3 preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the Church: *Provided*,
4 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in
5 the budget of the Municipal Government of Aliaga.

6 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Aliaga in the
7 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
8 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the Diocesan
9 Shrine of Saint John the Baptist Church in its national and regional promotion
10 programs.

11 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
12 annual budget of the Municipal Government of Aliaga. The DOT may augment such
13 allocation with internally generated funds.

14 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
15 Government of Aliaga shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of
16 the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

17 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, and other
18 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
19 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,