



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9538

BY REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (M.A.)

AN ACT

**DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH CHURCH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN,
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 Immaculate Conception Parish
2 Church, located in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, are hereby
3 declared as tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate
4 environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church shall be prioritized and
5 supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
6 governing the development of tourism destinations.

7 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
8 Government of Nampicuan shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned
9 agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include
10 the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and
11 facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the
12 Immaculate Conception Parish Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the
13 security of tourists: *Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the*

1 preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the Church: *Provided,*
2 *further,* That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in
3 the budget of the Municipal Government of Nampicuan.

4 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Nampicuan in the
5 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
6 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the
7 Immaculate Conception Parish Church in its national and regional promotion
8 programs.

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

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

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18 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,