



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9542

BY REPRESENTATIVES CRUZ (A.), MADRONA AND SUANSING (M.A.)

AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH
CHURCH, LOCATED IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF BOCAUE,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, 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 St. Martin of Tours Parish Church,
2 located in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Bocaue, Province of Bulacan, are hereby
3 declared as tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate
4 environs of the St. Martin of Tours Parish Church shall be prioritized and supported by
5 the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
6 development of tourism destinations.

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

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

6 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Bocaue 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 St. Martin of
9 Tours Parish Church in all its regional and national promotion programs.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,