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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 858

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAR 1 2 2021
Re : House Bill No. 8988
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1772
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Eric L. Olivarez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1772, introduced by Rep. Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OR THE REDEMPTORIST CHURCH (BAKLARAN CHURCH) LOCATED ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD, PARAÑAQUE CITY A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8988, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP, POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE BACLARAN CHURCH, LOCATED ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD, PARAÑAQUE CITY, A HERITAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1772 with Representative Eric L. Olivarez as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL No. 8988  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1772)  

Introduced by Representative Eric L. Olivarez

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP, POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE BACLARAN  
CHURCH, LOCATED ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD, PARAÑAQUE CITY, A  
HERITAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The immediate environs of the National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, popularly known as the Baclaran Church, located along Roxas Boulevard, Parañaque City, is hereby declared a heritage site and tourist destination. As such, the development of the immediate environs of the Baclaran Church shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the local government of Parañaque and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of heritage sites and tourist destinations.

Sec. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall improve the overall features of the environs surrounding the Baclaran Church, thereby ensuring its
accessibility and the security of tourists: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the area.

Sec. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the appropriate tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the Baclaran Church and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the DOT and the Chairperson of the NHCP shall include in their respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, and internally generated funds of the DOT.

Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with the city government of Parañaque, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,