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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1014

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on May 30, 2021
Re: House Bill No. 9519

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 292

Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Estrellita B. Suansing

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 292, introduced by Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH, SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9519, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH, SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 292 with Representative Estrellita B. Suansing 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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The immediate environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby declared a tourist destination. The development of the immediate environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of 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 and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall improve the overall features of the environs surrounding the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the
security of tourists: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
cconservation of the tourism significance of the area.

SEC. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the Immaculate
Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, and shall incorporate the
same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the
approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department’s program the
implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
Department.

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

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees or 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,