



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6441

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARONDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 252

AN ACT INCLUDING AREVALO PLAZA IN THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10555, ENTITLED: "AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE"

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 2 of Republic Act No. 10555 are hereby amended to read as follows:

[“SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as ‘An Act Declaring the Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex and Plaza Libertad Complex, all Located in the City of Iloilo, as Cultural Heritage Tourism Zone’.

“The Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex and Plaza Libertad Complex, all located in the City of Iloilo, are hereby declared as heritage and tourist spots. As such, they

shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

“SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitable for local communities.

“Towards this end, the Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex and Plaza Libertad Complex, all located in the City of Iloilo, declared as cultural heritage tourism zone, shall be accorded priority development by the DOT and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism zones.”]

“SECTION 1. *SHORT TITLE.* – THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE ‘ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE ACT’.

“SEC. 2. *DECLARATION OF THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE.* – PURSUANT TO THE DECLARED POLICY OF THE STATE TO PROMOTE A TOURISM INDUSTRY THAT IS ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, RESPONSIBLE, PARTICIPATIVE, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND EQUITABLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, THE AREA COMPRISED OF THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX, PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX AND AREVALO

1 PLAZA, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, SHALL
2 HEREBY BE DECLARED AS THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL
3 HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE. AS SUCH, THE AREA SHALL
4 BE ACCORDED PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT), SUBJECT TO
6 THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
7 DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM ZONES.”

8 SEC. 2. The title of Republic Act No. 10555 is likewise
9 amended, to read as follows: “An Act Declaring the AREA
10 COMPRISED OF THE Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City
11 Central Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex,
12 Molo Plaza Complex, [and] Plaza Libertad Complex AND AREVALO
13 PLAZA, all located in the City of Iloilo, as THE ILOILO CITY Cultural
14 Heritage Tourism Zone.”

15 SEC. 3. The other pertinent provisions of Republic Act
16 No. 10555, and other laws, rules and regulations or other issuances,
17 or any part thereof, which are inconsistent with this amendatory
18 law are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

19 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
21 circulation.

Approved,

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