



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7658

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS, GORRICETA AND BARONDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 492

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TAMBALIZA ISLAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Tambaliza Island Ecotourism Zone
2 Act.”

3 **SEC. 2.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry
4 that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally-sensitive, economically
5 viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.

6 **SEC. 3.** The Tambaliza Island, consisting of three (3) barangays, namely,
7 Macatunao, Talutuan, and Tambaliza, all located in the Municipality of Concepcion,
8 Province of Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be known as the “Tambaliza
9 Island Ecotourism Zone”. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department
10 of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of
11 ecotourism zones.

12 Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with
13 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Tourism Infrastructure

1 and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and the municipal government of Concepcion,
2 shall prepare and jointly implement a development plan for Tambaliza Island, and shall
3 incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development Plan.

4 The DOT, in coordination with the DENR, the TIEZA, the municipal government of
5 Concepcion and other concerned agencies of government, shall delineate well-defined
6 geographic areas within the Tambaliza Island Ecotourism Zone and coordinate the
7 integrated development of the area for the optimum use of natural assets and attractions.
8 The development shall ensure the preservation of the flora and fauna and perpetuate the
9 historic significance of the identified tourist attractions.

10 **SEC. 4.** The Secretaries of the DOT and DENR shall include in their respective
11 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
12 included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of
13 the DOT.

14 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the
15 DOT, in consultation with the DENR, the TIEZA and the municipal government of
16 Concepcion, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
17 implementation of this Act.

18 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
19 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
20 accordingly.

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

23 Approved,