



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8988

BY REPRESENTATIVE OLIVAREZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 858

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

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

9 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
10 with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies
11 of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan including the construction,
12 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall improve
13 the overall features of the environs surrounding the Baclaran Church, thereby ensuring its

1 accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the
2 preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the area.

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

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

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

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

15 Approved,