



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5576

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 615

AN ACT DECLARING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN, ORGANIZING THE CAMIGUIN TOURISM COUNCIL AND MANDATING SUPPORT FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Camiguin
2 Tourism Development Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
4 State to support tourism as a vehicle for job creation and economic growth and
5 development. To this end, the State shall endeavor to provide the proper
6 mechanisms and infrastructure for sustainable tourism development. It shall
7 promote and develop certain areas and sites identified as tourist destinations or
8 attractions or having potential for tourism in order to drive and propel
9 inclusive growth throughout the country.

10 SEC. 3. *Camiguin Tourism Development Areas.* – The tourism
11 development areas (TDAs) in the Province of Camiguin shall include the
12 following:

1 (a) Mount Timpoong – Hibok-Hibok Natural Monument – located
2 within the municipalities of Mambajao, Catarman, Sagay, and Mahinog, with
3 coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 09 – 34.43, East Longitude = 124 – 23 –
4 11.44, beginning at a point marked cor “1”, bearing N.78 – 45W., with a
5 distance of 1,419.29 meters and ending at a point marked “28-1”, bearing
6 S.82 – 12W., with a distance of 671.20 meters and covering an area of 22,041
7 square meters.

8 (b) TDAs in the Municipality of Mambajao

9 (1) White Island – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 15 – 35.55,
10 East Longitude = 124 – 39 – 15.53, beginning at a point marked cor “1”,
11 bearing N.81 – 33W., with a distance of 6,557.17 meters and ending at a point
12 marked “9-1”, bearing S.22 – 31E., with a distance of 12.66 meters and
13 covering an area of 5,557 square meters.

14 (2) Katibawasan Falls – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 12 –
15 52.33, East Longitude = 124 – 42 – 58.92, beginning at a point marked cor
16 “1”, bearing S.04 – 05E., with a distance of 4,068.6 meters and ending at a
17 point marked “9-1”, with a distance of 7.45 meters and covering an area of
18 1,319 square meters.

19 (3) Tangub Hot Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 13 –
20 20.69, East Longitude = 124 – 38 – 17.34, beginning at a point marked cor
21 “1”, bearing S.69 – 06W., with a distance of 8,890.99 meters and ending at a
22 point marked “6-1”, bearing S.55 – 09W., with a distance of 42.06 meters and
23 covering an area of 3,440 square meters.

24 (4) Sa-ay Cold Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 13 –
25 20.69, East Longitude = 124 – 38 – 17.34, beginning at a point marked cor
26 “1”, bearing S.21 – 04W., with a distance of 3,392.79 meters and ending at a
27 point marked “15-1”, bearing N.88 – 21E., with a distance of 59.61 meters and
28 covering an area of 4,439 square meters.

1 (5) Ardent Hibok-Hibok Hot Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude
2 = 9 – 13 – 42.68, East Longitude = 124 – 41 – 11.39, beginning at a point
3 marked cor “1”, bearing S.50 – 06W., with a distance of 3,900.15 meters and
4 ending at a point marked “13-1”, bearing N.13 – 44E., with a distance of 25.18
5 meters and covering an area of 44,600 square meters.

6 (c) TDAs in the Municipality of Mahinog

7 (1) Magsaysay Island, more popularly known as Mantigue Island –
8 with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 10 – 22.82, East Longitude = 124 – 49
9 – 15.77, beginning at a point marked cor “1”, bearing N.65 – 00E., with a
10 distance of 4,228.20 meters and ending at a point marked “11-12”, bearing
11 N.72 – 23E., with a distance of 29.75 meters and covering an area of 54,411
12 square meters.

13 (2) Taguines Lagoon – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 08 –
14 11.34, East Longitude = 124 – 47 – 34.29, beginning at a point marked cor
15 “1”, bearing S.16 – 45E., with a distance of 2,176.36 meters and ending at a
16 point marked “22-23”, bearing N.04 – 16E., with a distance of 24.56 meters
17 and covering an area of 197,247 square meters.

18 (3) Macao Cold Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 11 –
19 50.98, East Longitude = 124 – 46 – 25.54, beginning at a point marked cor
20 “1”, bearing N.17 – 58W., with a distance of 4,874.63 meters and ending at a
21 point marked “10-1”, bearing S.72 – 43W., with a distance of 26.40 meters
22 and covering an area of 1,290 square meters.

23 (4) Queobe Eco Park – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 07 –
24 56.39, East Longitude = 124 – 47 – 42.56, beginning at a point marked cor
25 “1”, bearing N.55 – 40E., with a distance of 76.01 meters and ending at a
26 point marked “28-1”, bearing N.24 – 50E., with a distance of 22.64 meters and
27 covering an area of 34,639 square meters.

1 (d) TDAs in the Municipality of Catarman

2 (1) Sto. Niño Cold Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 –
3 09 – 06.01, East Longitude = 124 – 40 – 20.72, beginning at a point marked
4 cor “1”, bearing S.72 – 50E., with a distance of 127.09 meters and ending at a
5 point marked “15-1”, bearing N.03 – 02E., with a distance of 62.70 meters and
6 covering an area of 4,655 square meters.

7 (2) Bura Soda Water Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 –
8 10 – 19.40, East Longitude = 124 – 39 – 19.62, beginning at a point marked
9 cor “1”, bearing N.19 – 28E., with a distance of 425.44 meters and ending at a
10 point marked “13-1”, bearing N.22 – 04W., with a distance of 8.54 meters and
11 covering an area of 3,616 square meters.

12 (3) Sunken Cemetery – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 12 –
13 29.1, East Longitude = 124 – 37 – 53.07, beginning at a point marked cor “1”,
14 bearing N.78 – 01W., with a distance of 867.80 meters and ending at a point
15 marked “9-1”, bearing S.67 – 38E., with a distance of 79.84 meters and
16 covering an area of 58,546 square meters.

17 (4) Catarman Church Ruins, also known as the Old Church Ruins or
18 the Guiob Church Ruins – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 12 – 11.07,
19 East Longitude = 124 – 37 – 57.99, beginning at a point marked cor “1”,
20 bearing S.63 – 14W., with a distance of 937.30 meters and ending at a point
21 marked “10-1”, bearing N.42 – 14W., with a distance of 48.33 meters and
22 covering an area of 329,828 square meters.

23 (5) Walkway to Mount Vulcan Daan, also known as the Walkway to
24 the Old Volcano and Stations of the Cross – with coordinates, North Latitude
25 = 9 – 12 – 46.25, East Longitude = 124 – 38 – 14.49, beginning at a point
26 marked cor “1”, bearing N.26 – 50W., with a distance of 737.89 meters and
27 ending at a point marked “15-1”, bearing N.78 – 59W., with a distance of
28 113.82 meters and covering an area of 329,828 square meters.

1 (6) Tuasan Falls – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 10 – 42.55,
2 East Longitude = 124 – 40 – 45.99, beginning at a point marked cor “1”,
3 bearing N.25 – 57E., with a distance of 1,980.25 meters and ending at a point
4 marked “9-1”, bearing N.40 – 18E., with a distance of 19.13 meters and
5 covering an area of 3,322 square meters.

6 (e) TDAs in the Municipality of Sagay

7 (1) Binangawan Falls – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 09 –
8 44.89, East Longitude = 124 – 44 – 01.74, beginning at a point marked cor
9 “1”, bearing N.10 – 15E., with a distance of 6,291.20 meters and ending at a
10 point marked “4-1”, bearing S.31 – 13E., with a distance of 194.96 meters and
11 covering an area of 196.867 square meters.

12 (2) Langojanan Ki Inggoy – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 –
13 06 – 36.14, East Longitude = 124 – 44 – 23.75, beginning at a point marked
14 cor “1”, bearing N.77 – 42E., with a distance of 1,834.39 meters and ending at
15 a point marked “6-1”, bearing S.88 – 33W., with a distance of 7.15 meters and
16 covering an area of 2,959 square meters.

17 (3) Pamunglo Spring – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 07 –
18 13.66, East Longitude = 124 – 44 – 23.75, beginning at a point marked cor
19 “1”, bearing N.20 – 41E., with a distance of 12.69 meters and ending at a
20 point marked “12-1”, bearing N.66 – 38W., with a distance of 45.39 meters
21 and covering an area of 2,288 square meters.

22 (f) TDAs in the Municipality of Guinsiliban

23 (1) Moro Watch Tower – with coordinates, North Latitude = 09 – 05 –
24 57.54, East Longitude = 124 – 47 – 05.60, beginning at a point marked cor
25 “1”, bearing S.78 – 43E., with a distance of 99.41 meters and ending at a
26 point marked “4-1”, bearing S.16 – 27E., with a distance of 3.39 meters and
27 covering an area of 100 square meters.

1 (2) Mount Ilihan – with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 – 05 – 33.91,
2 East Longitude = 124 – 46 – 00.51, beginning at a point marked cor “1”,
3 bearing S.68 – 38W., with a distance of 2,041.72 meters and ending at a point
4 marked “7-1”, bearing N.49 – 53W., with a distance of 77.85 meters and
5 covering an area of 41,126 square meters.

6 SEC. 4. *Identification and Declaration of Other Sites as Tourism*
7 *Development Areas.* – Other areas in the Province of Camiguin that have
8 potential for tourism such as springs, waterfalls, streams, lakes and other
9 bodies of water, beaches, marine areas, mountains, forests, historical or
10 cultural sites and other natural or man-made sites and attractions that may be
11 of interest to tourists, shall be included among the TDAs under this Act after
12 consultation with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of
13 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the conduct of a survey and
14 verification by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
15 (NAMRIA) in coordination with the Provincial Government of Camiguin, and
16 their declaration as a TDA by the Camiguin Tourism Council.

17 SEC. 5. *Camiguin Tourism Council.* – (a) There is hereby organized
18 the Camiguin Tourism Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which
19 shall be the primary policy-making, planning and coordinating body in
20 the development of tourism in Camiguin and administration of TDAs therein.
21 The Council, which shall convene upon the effectivity of this Act, shall be
22 composed of:

23 (1) The Provincial Governor of Camiguin, as Chairperson;

24 (2) The municipal mayors of all the municipalities of Camiguin, who
25 shall elect from among themselves the Council’s Vice Chairperson;

26 (3) A member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Camiguin, duly
27 designated by the body; and

1 (4) Two (2) representatives from the private sector, nominated by the
2 private sector tourism industry organizations in Camiguin and appointed by
3 the Chairperson of the Council, who shall serve for a period of two (2) years.

4 The Council may create such committees and provide for the functions
5 and the memberships thereof to assist it in the proper and effective
6 performance of its functions.

7 (b) In order to provide assistance and support to the Council in the
8 performance of its functions, the following shall serve as advisors:

9 (1) The Chief Operating Officer of the Tourism Infrastructure and
10 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA);

11 (2) The Regional Director of the DOT for Region X;

12 (3) The Regional Director of the DENR for Region X;

13 (4) The Regional Director of the Department of Public Works and
14 Highways (DPWH) for Region X; and

15 (5) The Regional Director of the National Economic and Development
16 Authority (NEDA) for Region X.

17 The Council may call on other government agencies and offices to
18 provide advice and assistance on matters relating to the performance of its
19 functions and the development of tourism in Camiguin.

20 (c) The Council shall ensure that constituencies, sectors and groups,
21 whose interests may be affected by the tourism development in Camiguin, are
22 given sufficient opportunities to be heard. The Council shall pursue
23 consultations with relevant sectors and constituencies, conduct research, and
24 engage the services and assistance of experts and other resource persons, as
25 may be needed in the performance of its functions.

26 (d) The Provincial Government of Camiguin shall provide a Secretariat
27 for the Council, including the necessary expenses for the performance of its
28 official functions and activities.

1 SEC. 6. *Camiguin Tourism Development Plan.* – The Council shall
2 craft and develop the Camiguin Tourism Development Plan, which shall be
3 incorporated into and form part of the National Tourism Development Plan
4 under Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as “The Tourism Act of
5 2009”, and shall be implemented by the appropriate local government units
6 and/or national government agencies.

7 SEC. 7. *National Government Support to Tourism Development in*
8 *Camiguin.* – The DOT, in cooperation with the TIEZA, the Tourism
9 Promotions Board (TPB), and other concerned government agencies and
10 instrumentalities, shall promote the TDAs in Camiguin; support and
11 coordinate their integrated development.

12 The DPWH and the Department of Transportation and Communications
13 (DOTC), including the latter’s attached agencies, in coordination with the
14 DOT and the Council, shall prioritize the construction and improvement of the
15 necessary infrastructure to support tourism development in Camiguin and
16 incorporate in their annual infrastructure programs.

17 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of
18 Tourism, after due consultation with the DENR, DPWH, DOTC, NEDA, the
19 Council, and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for
20 the proper implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days after its
21 effectivity.

22 SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The Secretaries of the DOT, DENR,
23 DPWH, DOTC and other concerned Departments shall include in their
24 programs the infrastructure and other projects to support the Camiguin
25 Tourism Development Plan, the funding of which shall be included in the
26 annual General Appropriations Act.

27 SEC. 10. *Congressional Review.* – Three (3) years after the effectivity
28 of this Act and every three (3) years thereafter, or as often as the need arises,

1 Congress, through the appropriate committee of either the House of
2 Representatives or the Senate, shall conduct a review and evaluation of the
3 implementation and impact of this Act.

4 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, and
5 issuances, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts
6 thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
7 or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
9 declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall
10 remain in full force and effect.

11 SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
12 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
13 circulation.

Approved,

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