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# COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 445

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Finance on —FEB 0-1-2016

Re: House Bill No. 5576

Recommending Its approval with amendments.

Sponsor:

Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

#### MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House Bill No. 5576, introduced by Representative Romualdo, entitled:

#### "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"

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill be approved with the following amendments:

- On page 1, Section 2, lines 4 and 5, delete the phrase "support tourism as a vehicle for job creation and economic growth and development", and in lieu thereof replace with the following phrase "PROMOTE A TOURISM INDUSTRY THAT IS ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, RESPONSIBLE, PARTICIPATIVE, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, AND EQUITABLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES."
- 2. On the same page 1, Section 3, line 10, change the subtitle "Camiguin Tourism Development Areas.-" and in lieu thereof replace with the following subtitle to read as SEC.3. "SCOPE AND COVERAGE. "
- 3. On the same page 1, line 11,delete the word "shall" between the words "Camiguin" and "include", and replace with the word "HEREBY"; then insert the phrase BUT NOT LIMITED TO between the words "include" and "the"
- 4. On the same page, line 12, insert the phrase "THE FOLLOWING ECOTOURISM SITES IN ITS MUNICIPALITIES ENDOWED WITH NATURAL BEAUTY AND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:" after the word "following"
- 5. As an omnibus amendment to Section 3, change all the terms "TDAs" into "ECOTOURISM SITES" on page 2, line 6; page 4, line 1; page 5, lines 6 and 22;

- 6. On page 6, line 27, delete the word "the" and replace with the word "SUCH"
- 7. On page 7, after line 28, add a new paragraph to read as follows:
  - (E) THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE HARMONIZED WITH THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD (PAMB), THE PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENTS AND THE REGIONAL ECOTOURISM COMMITTEE TO AVOID ANY OVERLAP OR CONFLICT.
- 8. On page 8, Section 6, line 1, rephrase the subtitle "Camiguin Tourism Development Plan" to read as "TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF CAMIGUIN."
- 9. On the same page, Section 6, lines 1 to 6, delete the whole paragraph and in lieu thereof, replace with the following paragraph to read as follows:

"THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN SHALL BE INCORPORATED IN THE DOT'S OVERALL NATIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NTDP) PURSUANT TO RA No. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL TOURISM ACT OF 2009 AND BE JOINTLY IMPLEMENTED WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OF CAMIGUIN TOURISM COUNCIL TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RA NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992 AND RA NO. 9072, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL CAVES AND CAVE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT. THE DOT MAY OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, TRAINING AND PROMOTIONS.

THE CONCERNED LGU, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DOT, TIEZA AND DENR SHALL DELINEATE WELL DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITHIN THE ECOTORISM SITES AND COORDINATE THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SITES FOR THE OPTIMUM USE OF NATURAL ASSETS AND ATTRACTIONS, AS WELL AS EXISTING FACILITIES; PROVIDED, THAT SAID DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE AREA.

THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN COVERS SOME PROTECTED AREAS, AS SUCH, LOW IMPACT TOURISM DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF BASIC FACILITIES AND AMENITIES LIKE COMFORT ROOMS, KIOSKS, PICNIC AREAS MAY BE ALLOWED. MASS TOURISM, HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ACCOMMODATION AND GAMES AND AMUSEMENT ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED OUTSIDE THE PROTECTED AREAS.

- 10.On page 8, delete Section 7 covering lines 7 to 11; then add the whole remaining paragraph covering lines 12 to 16 as the last paragraph under Section 6
- 11.On the same page 8, line 17, renumber Sec. 8 as "Sec.7." then delete the words "The Secretary of Tourism" and in lieu thereof replace with the words "THE CAMIGUIN TOURISM COUNCIL"
- 12. On the same page 8, line 18, insert "DOT," between the words "the" and "DENR"; then on lines 18 to 19, delete the words "the Council"

- 13. On the same page 8, line 21, insert the phrase "PROVIDED, THAT THE LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER (SIXTY) 60 DAYS WITH OR WITHOUT THE IRR." After the word "effectivity."
- 14. On the same page 8, line 22, renumber Sec.9, as "SEC, 8." Then delete the whole paragraph covering lines 22-26 and in lieu thereof replace with the following paragraph to read as follows:

"THE DOT, DENR, DPWH, DOTC and LGU SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AIP) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL **GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."** 

- 15. On the same page 8, line 27, delete Section 10 covering lines 27 to 28
- 16. On page 9, delete the phrase from lines 1 to 3.
- 17. On the same page 9, line 4, renumber Section 11, as "SEC, 9." Then insert the word "PRESIDENTIAL" between the words "laws," and "executive"
- 18. On the same page 9, line 5, insert the phrase "CONTRARY TO" between the word "issuances" and article "or"
- 19. On the same page 9, lines 5 and 6, delete the words "parts thereof that are"; then delete the words "are hereby repealed or modified" and in lieu thereof replace with the words "SHALL BE DEEMED AMENDED"
- 20. On the same page 9, line 8, renumber Section 12, as "SEC, 10."
- 21. On the same page 9, line 11, renumber Section 13, as "SEC, 11"
- 22. The Title shall read as follows:

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

II. 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:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Camiguin 2 Tourism Development Act".

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

SEC. 3. Camiguin Tourism Development Areas. — The tourism development areas (TDAs) in the Province of Camiguin shall include the following:

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

- (1) White Island with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 15 35.55, East Longitude = 124 39 15.53, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.81 33W., with a distance of 6,557.17 meters and ending at a point marked "9-1", bearing S.22 31E., with a distance of 12.66 meters and covering an area of 5,557 square meters.
  - (2) Katibawasan Falls with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 12 52.33, East Longitude = 124 42 58.92, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing 5.04 05E, with a distance of 4,068.6 meters and ending at a point marked "9-1", with a distance of 7.45 meters and covering an area of 1,319 square meters.
- (3) Tangub Hot Spring with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 13 20.69, East Longitude = 124 38 17.34, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing S.69 06W., with a distance of 8,890.99 meters and ending at a point marked "6-1", bearing S.55 09W., with a distance of 42.06 meters and covering an area of 3,440 square meters.
  - (4) Sa-ay Cold Spring with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 13 20.69, East Longitude = 124 38 17.34, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing S.21 04W., with a distance of 3,392.79 meters and ending at a point marked "15-1", bearing N.88 21E., with a distance of 59.61 meters and covering an area of 4,439 square meters.

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

- (1) Magsaysay Island, more popularly known as Mantigue Island with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 10 22.82, East Longitude = 124 49 15.77, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.65 00E., with a distance of 4,228.20 meters and ending at a point marked "11-12", bearing N.72 23E., with a distance of 29.75 meters and covering an area of 54,411 square meters.
- (2) Taguines Lagoon with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 08 11.34, East Longitude = 124 47 34.29, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing S.16 45E., with a distance of 2,176.36 meters and ending at a point marked "22-23", bearing N.04 16E., with a distance of 24.56 meters and covering an area of 197,247 square meters.
  - (3) Macao Cold Spring with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 11 50.98, East Longitude = 124 46 25.54, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.17 58W., with a distance of 4.874.63 meters and ending at a point marked "10-1", bearing S.72 43W., with a distance of 26.40 meters 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 "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 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 09 06.01, East Longitude = 124 40 20.72, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing S.72 50E., with a distance of 127.09 meters and ending at a point marked "15-1", bearing N.03 02E., with a distance of 62.70 meters and covering an area of 4,655 square meters.
  - (2) Bura Soda Water Spring with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 10 19.40, East Longitude = 124 39 19.62, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.19 28E., with a distance of 425.44 meters and ending at a point marked "13-1", bearing N.22 04W., with a distance of 8.54 meters and covering an area of 3,616 square meters.
  - (3) Sunken Cemetery with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 12 29.1, East Longitude = 124 37 53.07, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.78 01W., with a distance of 867.80 meters and ending at a point marked "9-1", bearing S.67 38E., with a distance of 79.84 meters and covering an area of 58,546 square meters.
- (4) Catarman Church Ruins, also known as the Old Church Ruins or the Guiob Church Ruins with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 12 11.07, East Longitude = 124 37 57.99, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing S.63 14W., with a distance of 937.30 meters and ending at a point marked "10-1", bearing N.42 14W., with a distance of 48.33 meters and covering an area of 329,828 square meters.
  - (5) Walkway to Mount Vulcan Daan, also known as the Walkway to the Old Volcano and Stations of the Cross with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 12 46.25, East Longitude = 124 38 14.49, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.26 50W., with a distance of 737.89 meters and ending at a point marked "15-1", bearing N.78 59W., with a distance of 113.82 meters and covering an area of 329,828 square meters.

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

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- (1) Binangawan Falls with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 09 -44.89. East Longitude = 124 - 44 - 01.74, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.10 - 15E., with a distance of 6,291.20 meters and ending at a point marked "4-1", bearing S.31 - 13E., with a distance of 194.96 meters and covering an area of 196.867 square meters.
- (2) Langojanan Ki Inggoy with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 -06-36.14. East Longitude = 124-44-23.75, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.77 - 42E., with a distance of 1,834.39 meters and ending at a point marked "6-1", bearing S.88 - 33W., with a distance of 7.15 meters and covering an area of 2,959 square meters.
  - (3) Parnunglo Spring with coordinates, North Latitude = 9 07 10013.66. East Longitude = 124 - 44 - 23.75, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing N.20 - 41E., with a distance of 12.69 meters and ending at a point marked "12-1", bearing N.66 - 38W., with a distance of 45.39 meters and covering an area of 2,288 square meters.
    - (f) TDAs in the Municipality of Guinsiliban
- (1) Moro Watch Tower with coordinates, North Latitude = 09 05 57.54. East Longitude = 124 - 47 - 05.60, beginning at a point marked cor "1", bearing S.78 - 43E., with a distance of 99.41 meters and ending at a point marked "4-1", bearing S.16 - 27E., with a distance of 3.39 meters and 26 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.

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

- SEC. 5. Camiguin Tourism Council. (a) There is hereby organized the Camiguin Tourism Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be the primary policy-making, planning and coordinating body in the development of tourism in Camiguin and administration of TDAs therein. The Council, which shall convene upon the effectivity of this Act, shall be composed of:
  - (1) The Provincial Governor of Camiguin, as Chairperson;
- (2) The municipal mayors of all the municipalities of Camiguin, who shall elect from among themselves the Council's Vice Chairperson;
- (3) A member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Camiguin, duly designated by the body; and

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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

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

consultations with relevant sectors and constituencies, conduct research, and

engage the services and assistance of experts and other resource persons, as

may be needed in the performance of its functions.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 10. Congressional Review. — Three (3) years after the effectivity 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,