



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5653

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AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS "TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA", LOCATED IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AS A TOURISM DESTINATION

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The immediate environs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist
2 Church, also known as "Taong Putik Dambana ni San Juan Bautista", located in Barangay
3 Bibiclat, Municipality of Aliaga, Province of Nueva Ecija, are hereby declared as a tourism
4 destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the

1 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
2 of tourism destinations.

3 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
4 Aliaga shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, prepare
5 a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of
6 such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate
7 environs surrounding the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist Church, thereby ensuring
8 its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
9 the preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the church: *Provided, further*,
10 That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of
11 the municipal government of Aliaga.

12 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Aliaga in the implementation
13 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.
14 It shall also include the environs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist Church in its
15 national and regional promotion programs.

16 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
17 budget of the municipal government of Aliaga. The DOT may augment such allocation with
18 internally-generated funds.

19 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal
20 government of Aliaga shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
21 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

22 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
23 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
2 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
3 accordingly.

4 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
5 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,