



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6934

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BY REPRESENTATIVE AUMENTADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 288

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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE BIEN UNIDO DOUBLE BARRIER REEF AND ITS IMMEDIATE UNDERWATER ENVIRONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BIEN UNIDO, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, A TOURISM DESTINATION**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Bien Unido Double Barrier Reef and its immediate underwater  
2           environs located in the Municipality of Bien Unido, Province of Bohol, are hereby declared a  
3           tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by  
4           the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the  
5           development of tourism destinations.

6           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government  
7           of Bien Unido shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
8           Resources (DENR) and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism  
9           development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such  
10          appropriate infrastructure and facilities to ensure accessibility and the security of tourists in  
11          the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and  
12          conservation of the marine life and underwater geological significance of the area: *Provided*,

1 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the  
2 budget of the municipal government of Bien Unido.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Bien Unido in the  
4 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
5 capacity building. It shall also include the Bien Unido Double Barrier Reef and its immediate  
6 underwater environs in all its national and regional promotion programs.

7 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
8 budget of the municipal government of Bien Unido. The DOT may augment such allocation  
9 with internally-generated funds.

10 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
11 government of Bien Unido shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR and concerned  
12 agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement 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.

Approved,