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**SENATE**  
S.B. No. 1938

Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH, SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS,**  
**IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A**  
**TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Immaculate Conception Parish Church and the Municipality of Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija have been bestowed a great blessing when the Holy Face of Manoppello – the veil “no human hands have made” and believed to miraculously bear an imprint of Christ’s face – was formally enshrined in said church on September 15, 2014.

The bill aims to declare the immediate environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, as a tourist destination.

The bill mandates the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Tourism, and other concerned agencies of the government, to prepare a tourism development plan that shall improve the overall features of the environs surrounding the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, ensuring its accessibility and the security of the tourists while at the same time making sure that the preservation and conservation of the tourism significance of the area is observed.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

**IMEE R. MARCOS**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish  
2 Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province  
3 of Nueva Ecija, is hereby declared a tourist destination. The development of the  
4 immediate environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy  
5 Face of Jesus, shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other  
6 concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development to  
7 tourist destinations.

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9           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in  
10 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways and other concerned  
11 agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan that shall include  
12 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and  
13 infrastructure that shall improve the overall features of the environs surrounding the  
14 Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, thereby  
15 ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: Provided, That said development  
16 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the tourism significance of the  
17 area.

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19           **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps  
20 to implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the  
21 Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, and shall

1 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year  
2 immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the  
5 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
6 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds  
7 of the Department.

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

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13 **SEC. 6.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other  
14 issuances, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified,  
15 amended, or repealed accordingly.

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17 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
18 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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*Approved,*