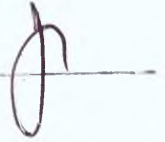


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

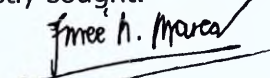
Section 16 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.*"

The Mindanao Civic Center Complex or MCC Complex is a 71-hectare integrated complex in Lanao del Norte's capital town of Tubod complete with a trade center, gymnasium, swimming pool, hotel, cafeteria, oval and sports facilities and a stadium of 14,000 seating capacity. The MCC Complex has opened up a lot of sports and events possibilities for Lanao del Norte, which has since hosted national competitions in the facility.

Furthermore, it is also the home of a world class motocross circuit, and has hosted local and international motocross competitions participated by world-renowned racers. The MCC Sports Complex also hosted the Palarong Pambansa wherein student-athletes all over the country participated in the said competitions.

Hence, the bill seeks to declare Mindanao Civic Center Complex located in the Municipality of Tubod, Province of Lanao del Norte as a sports tourism destination. Declaring the MCC Complex will increase awareness and appreciation for the site, and will foster both local and international interest that may eventually increase economic activity in the host municipality. Thus, will attract investors in the Province of Lanao del Norte.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Mindanao Civic Center Complex located in the Municipality of  
2 Tubod, Province of Lanao del Norte, known for its world-class facilities for sports and a  
3 venue for different sporting events, is hereby declared a sports tourism destination.  
4 Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department  
5 of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
6 tourism destinations.

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8           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal  
9 government of Tubod shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of  
10 the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the  
11 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and  
12 facilities that shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan  
13 shall be submitted to the Province of Lanao del Norte Tourism Council for approval:  
14 *Provided further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be  
15 included in the budget of the municipal government of Tubod.

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17           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Tubod in the  
18 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in  
19 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Mindanao Civic Center Complex in its  
20 national and regional promotion programs.  
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1           **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the  
2 annual budget of the municipal of government of Tubod. The DOT may augment such  
3 allocation with internally-generated funds.  
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5           **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
6 government of Tubod shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of  
7 the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.  
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9           **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
10 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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*Approved,*