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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 236

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Tourism and on Environment and Natural Resources on JAN 30 2007

Re : House Bill No. 2072

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Gordon.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Tourism and on Environment and Natural Resources to which was referred House Bill No. 2072, introduced by Representatives Chatto, Cajes and Jala, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS AN ECO-CULTURAL TOURISM ZONE"**

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

1. Delete Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and in lieu thereof insert new Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 which shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. THIS ACT HEREBY DECLARES THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS A NATIONAL TOURISM ZONE.

SEC. 2. UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION RATIONALIZING THE NATIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM IS ADOPTED, THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES SHALL GOVERN THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS TOURISM ZONE:

A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BOHOL AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGBILARAN SHALL COORDINATE IN THE FORMULATION OF A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOURISM ZONE: *PROVIDED*, THAT SAID PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH, OR MAY BE INTEGRATED INTO, THE NATIONAL TOURISM MASTER PLAN OF THE DOT.

B) THE PLAN SHALL PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL FEATURES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TOURISM ZONE, WHILE PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

C) THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BOHOL AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGBILARAN SHALL UTILIZE ITS POWERS PROVIDED

UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

D) THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES MAY PROVIDE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL WHILE ENDEAVORING, WHEN PRACTICABLE, TO PROMOTE THE TOURISM ZONE BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

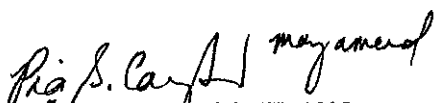
E) THE DOT, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BOHOL AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGBILARAN SHALL CREATE A FORUM BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS, CAN INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT SHALL ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURE OF TOURISM.”;

SEC. 3. THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BOHOL AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGBILARAN SHALL ADOPT APPROPRIATE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

“SEC. 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF COMPLETION OF ITS PUBLICATION.”

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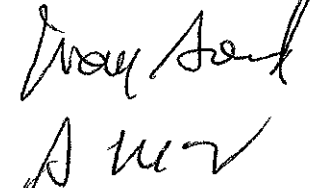


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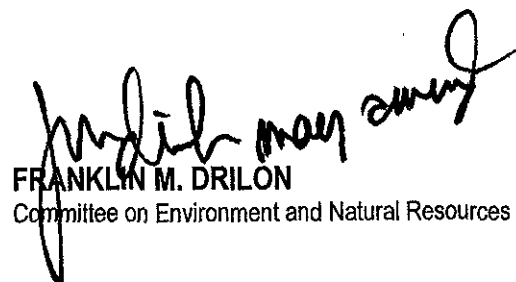
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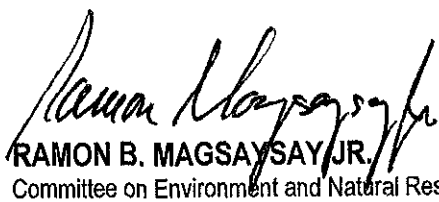
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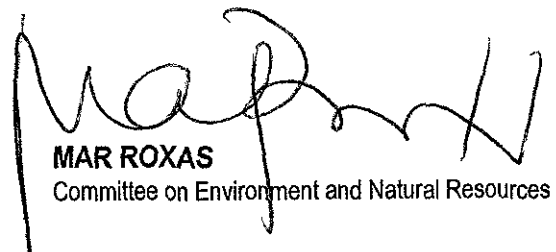


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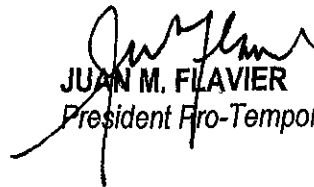
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2072

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHATTO, CAJES AND JALA

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS AN
ECO-CULTURAL TOURISM ZONE

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of
2 the State to promote a sustainable eco-cultural tourism industry. It shall
3 formulate effective strategies and programs to enable the industry to become a
4 major source of livelihood and employment generation, to promote decent and
5 productive employment for every Filipino worker as a means to alleviate
6 poverty as well as institutionalize the Philippines as one of the important
7 tourist destinations in the world.

8 SEC. 2. *Eco-cultural Tourism Zone.* – The entire Province of Bohol
9 and the City of Tagbilaran are hereby declared as eco-cultural tourism zones.

1 SEC. 3. *Eco-cultural Tourism Master Plan and Implementing Rules*
2 *and Regulations.* – The Department of Tourism (DoT), the Department of
3 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the National Commission for
4 Culture and the Arts (NCCA), in coordination with the local government units
5 of the City of Tagbilaran and the Province of Bohol, shall prepare an
6 eco-cultural tourism master plan and promulgate the necessary rules and
7 regulations.

8 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
9 and regulations and other issuances inconsistent or contrary with this Act are
10 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
12 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the
13 other provisions hereof.

14 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
15 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two newspapers of general
16 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,