

S E N A T E

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 502

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on DEC - 4 2012

Re: House Bill No. 5495

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Bill No. 5495, introduced by Representative Treñas, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS HERITAGE TOURIST SPOTS"**

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

1. On page 1, line 1, Section 1 will have a subtitle "Title.-". The whole paragraph shall read as:

"THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS "AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE"

2. On the same page, between lines 5 and 6, insert a new Section as "Sec. 2." with subtitle "Declaration of Policy.-", The whole paragraph shall read as follows:

"IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO PROMOTE A TOURISM INDUSTRY THAT IS ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, RESPONSIBLE, PARTICIPATIVE, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, AND EQUITABLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES."

TOWARDS THIS END, THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO DECLARED AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE, SHALL BE ACCORDED PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM ZONES.

3. Still on the same page 1, line 6, renumber Sec. 2 as "Sec. 3." with a subtitle "Tourism Development Plan of Iloilo City.-", then insert the phrase before the first paragraph "THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF ILOILO SHALL BE INCORPORATED IN THE DOT'S OVERALL NATIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NTDP) PURSUANT TO RA NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL TOURISM ACT OF 2009 AND BE JOINTLY IMPLEMENTED WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION COUNCIL, AND THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA)."

On same page, copy the first paragraph on lines 6 – 11 as the second paragraph as amended; on lines 8-11, delete the phrase after the word "shall" [, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the said areas;] and in lieu thereof, replace with the phrase "DELINEATE WELL DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITHIN THE TOURISM ZONE OF THE CITY AND COORDINATE THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THESE AREAS FOR THE OPTIMUM USE OF NATURAL ASSETS AND ATTRACTIONS, AS WELL AS EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES;" Provided, That said development shall ensure the preservation and historic significance of the identified tourist attractions.

4. On page 2, delete lines 3 -5.
5. On the same page 2, line 6, Sec. 4. shall have a subtitle "Implementing Rules and Regulations.-" and insert the phrase between the word "The" and acronym "DOT", "SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM " and enclose the acronym "DOT" in an open and close parenthesis. Then add the phrase " IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS AND THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION COUNCIL" before the words "shall promulgate". Delete the word "likewise".
6. Still on same page 2, between lines 7 and 8, insert a new "Sec. 5." with a subtitle " Appropriations.-" The whole paragraph shall read as:

"THE SECRETARY OF THE DOT SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DOT'S PROGRAM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND/ OR INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT."

7. Add a new section to read as :

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* - ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR PART HEREOF THAT MAY BE DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL SHALL NOT AFFECT THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE OTHER PROVISIONS.

8. Add a new section to read as :

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* - ALL LAWS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PRESIDENTIAL DECREES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OTHER ISSUANCES CONTRARY TO OR INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT SHALL BE DEEMED REPEALED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

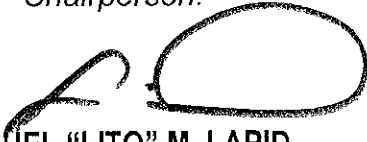
9. On the same page 2, line 8, renumber sec. 5 to "Sec. 8." With subtitle "Effectivity Clause. -"

10. The Title shall read as follows:

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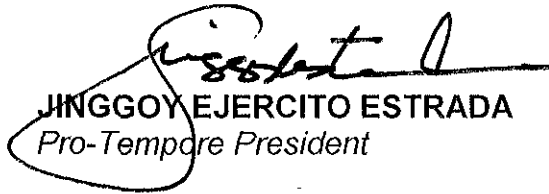

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