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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 504**

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Finance on  
DEC - 4 2012

Re: House Bill No. 2141

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House Bill No. 2141, introduced by Representative Almario, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL A  
TOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

have considered the same and have 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, Section 1, line 1, add the subtitle "Title.-" after the word "SECTION 1." and delete the whole paragraph covering lines 1- 4, and in lieu thereof replace with the following to read as follows:

**"THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS "AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA) ."**

2. On the same page, between lines 4 and 5, insert a new section as "SEC 2." with a subtitle "Declaration of Policy.-", and with the following paragraph to read as follows:, and the numbers of the succeeding sections renumbered accordingly.

**"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."**

3. On page 1, line 5, renumber "Sec. 2" as "Sec. 3.," with subtitle "Scope and Coverage.-", and insert the phrase " The Tourism Development Area (TDA) in" before the words "The Province", and delete the words "is rich with" and replace with the phrase " HEREBY INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO ITS MUNICIPALITIES ENDOWED WITH

NATURAL BEAUTY,” before the word “small islands”; then delete the word “ecotourism” and replace with the word “TOURISM” in line 8. Then add a new paragraph to read as follows:

AS SUCH, IT SHALL BE ACCORDED PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TOURISM ZONES.

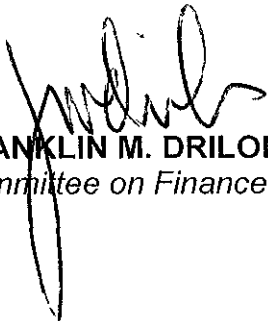
4. On same page 1, line 9, renumber Section 3 as “Sec. 4.” With subtitle “Tourism Development Plan of Davao Oriental.-”, and insert the paragraph “THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL SHALL BE INCORPORATED IN THE DOT’S OVERALL NATIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NTDP) PURSUANT TO RA NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL TOURISM ACT OF 2009 AND BE JOINTLY IMPLEMENTED WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL TOURISM COUNCIL OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RA NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.” before the words “the DOT”; and delete the phrase after the word “shall” from lines 11-12 and in lieu thereof, replace with the phrase  
  
“DELINEATE WELL DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITHIN THE TDA AND COORDINATE THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THESE AREAS FOR THE OPTIMUM USE OF NATURAL ASSETS AND ATTRACTIONS, AS WELL AS EXISTING FACILITIES.”
5. On page 2, delete lines 1-5.
6. On page 2, line 6, delete the word and number “SEC. 4.” and instead add the paragraph from lines 6-9 under the new Section 4 as its second paragraph.
7. On page 2, delete lines 10-14.
8. On the same page 2, line 15, renumber Sec. 6 as “Sec.5.” and insert the subtitle “Appropriations.-“ before the words “The Secretary”.
9. On the same page 2, between lines 19 and 20, insert a new section as “SEC.6.”, with subtitle “Separability Clause. –“ and add a paragraph to read as follows: “ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR PART HEREOF THAT MAY BE DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL SHALL NOT AFFECT THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE OTHER PROVISIONS.”
10. On the same page 2, line 20, under Sec. 7, add the subtitle “Repealing Clause. –“
11. On the same page 2, line 23, under Sec. 8, add the subtitle “Effectivity Clause. –“

12. The Title shall read as follows:

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A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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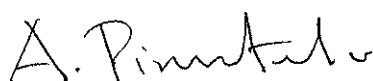
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