



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3492

BY REPRESENTATIVE DELOSO-MONTALLA

AN ACT DECLARING MT. PINATUBO IN ZAMBALES AS AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*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
2 of the State to promote a sustainable ecotourism industry to attract local and
3 foreign tourists while making them aware of the urgent need to preserve the
4 blessings of nature.

5 SEC. 2. *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Zone.* – Mt. Pinatubo is hereby
6 declared an ecotourism zone. The Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources (DENR) shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of this
8 Act, make an inventory of the existing flora and fauna in Mt. Pinatubo that
9 shall serve as the basis for a master plan that will be developed for the
10 purpose of this Act.

11 SEC. 3. *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Governing Board.* – For the purpose
12 of Section 2 of this Act, an ecotourism governing board, to be known as the
13 Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Governing Board, is hereby created. The board
14 shall be composed of the Representative of the Second District of Zambales
15 who shall act as chair, the Secretaries of the Department of Tourism (DOT)

1 and the DENR or their duly authorized representatives, a member of a
2 nongovernment organization whose advocacy is environmental preservation, a
3 member of the academe, a representative of the business sector, a
4 representative of the private sector and the local chief executives of the
5 municipalities where Mt. Pinatubo is situated. The governing board shall
6 prepare the rules and regulations necessary for the full implementation by the
7 concerned local government units of the provisions of this Act and shall, as
8 the need arises, amend, modify or revise such rules and regulations to meet
9 the needs of changing times.

10 SEC. 4. *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Master Plan.* – The DENR and the
11 DOT shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this
12 Act, develop a master plan to be approved by the President of the Republic of
13 the Philippines upon the recommendation of the governing board.

14 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
15 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
16 included in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally generated
17 funds of the Department.

18 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, executive
19 orders, presidential decrees or any other issuances contrary to or inconsistent
20 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified
21 accordingly.

22 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act
23 may be declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions which are not
24 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

25 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
26 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,