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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 174

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Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance on JUN 04 2015.

Re : House Bill No. 3492

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Legarda.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 3492, introduced by Representative Deloso-Montalla, entitled:

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

have considered the same and have the honor to report this bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 3492 be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, on the title of the bill, between the words "ZONE" and "APPROPRIATING", delete the conjunction "AND";
2. On the same page, also on the title of the bill, after the word "THEREFOR", insert the phrase "AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
3. On the same page, before Section 1, insert a new section which shall read as follows:

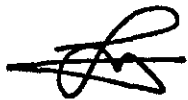
"SECTION 1. TITLE. - THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS "AN ACT DECLARING MT. PINATUBO AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE.";

4. On the same page, line 2, after the word "industry", delete the phrase "to attract local and foreign tourists while making them aware of the urgent need to preserve the blessings of nature" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "WHILE ENSURING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION. TOWARDS THIS END, THE COUNTRY SHALL RATIONALIZE ALL EFFORTS PERTAINING TO ECOTOURISM AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD WHILE GUARANTEEING THE RICHNESS OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. HENCEFORTH, MEASURES SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE COUNTRY'S SHARE IN THE WORLD TOURISM MARKET SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE EXISTING ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT";

5. On the same page, line 5, before the phrase "Mt. Pinatubo", insert the phrase "PURSUANT TO PUBLIC POLICY" and the punctuation mark comma ",";
6. On the same page, line 6, after the first sentence, insert a new sentence which shall read as follows: "FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT, ECOTOURISM SHALL REFER TO A FORM OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM WITHIN A NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AREA WHERE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURE AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ETHICS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE FOSTERED AND PURSUED FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF HOST COMMUNITIES AND SATISFACTION OF VISITORS.";
7. On the same page, line 13, after the article "The", delete the word "board" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "MT. PINATUBO ECOTOURISM GOVERNING BOARD";
8. On the same page, line 14, delete the phrase "Representative of the Second District" and in lieu thereof, insert the word "GOVERNOR";
9. On page 2, line 5, before the phrase "The governing board", insert the sentence "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ZAMBALES SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.";
10. On the same page, line 12, after the word "develop", delete article "a" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "AN ECOTOURISM";
11. On the same page, line 14, delete the phrase "Secretary of the DOT";
12. On the same page and line, after the acronym "DOT", insert the punctuation mark comma "," and the phrase "DENR, AND THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA)";
13. On the same page, lines 14 and 15, delete the phrase "Department's program" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "PROGRAMS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES THE FUNDING FOR";
14. On the same page, line 15, after the word "Act", delete the punctuation mark comma "," and in lieu thereof, insert the punctuation mark period ".";
15. On the same page and line, the phrase "the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally generated funds of the Department" be made the second sentence of Section 5;
16. On the same page, line 17, delete the phrase "the Department" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES"; and
17. Renumber the sections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted:

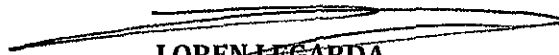
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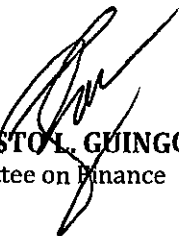
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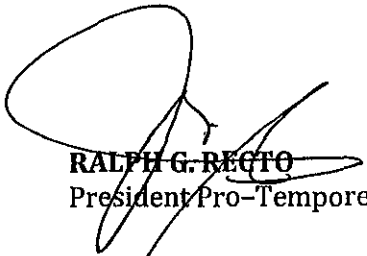


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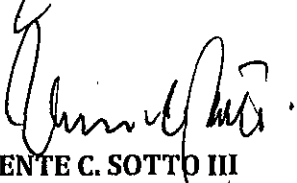


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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,