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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 520

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Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on NOV 27 2018.

RE : Senate Bill No. 1616, Prepared by the Committee upon recommendation of the Subcommittee on Senate Bill No. 1616.

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Gordon

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 1616**, introduced by Senator Gordon and the Members of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING CHAPTER V, SECTION 85 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TOURISM ACT OF 2009'"

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. On page 1, line 1, delete the phrase "Section 85. General Principles on the Grant and Administration of Incentives" and the punctuation mark period "." and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "**SECTION 85 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TOURISM ACT OF 2009", IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS**" and the punctuation mark colon ":";

2. On the same page, before line 3, insert the open quotation mark "" and the subtitle "**SEC. 85. GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON THE GRANT AND ADMINISTRATION OF INCENTIVES.**" and the punctuation mark dash "—";
3. On the same page, line 19, delete the amendment "SEVENTEEN (17)" and in lieu thereof, insert the new amendment "**TWENTY (20)**"; and
4. On the same page, line 22, delete the three (3) letter "X" and in lieu thereof, insert the remaining provisions under Section 85 of Republic Act No. 9593.

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Respectfully submitted:

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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon and the Members of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations**

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER V, SECTION 85 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TOURISM ACT OF 2009"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 85. General Principles on the Grant and Administration of Incentives.

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3 (a) Recognizing the strategic economic importance of tourism, the necessity that
4 investments within TEZs be properly coordinated with environmental, cultural and
5 developmental imperatives, and the fundamental differences between the export
6 manufacturing and tourism industries, the TIEZA shall have sole and exclusive
7 jurisdiction to grant the incentives hereinafter provided.

8 In the formulation of rules and regulations defining and implementing these
9 incentives, and without derogating therefrom, the TIEZA may coordinate with the
10 Board of Investments and other government agencies or entities responsible for the
11 grant and administration of incentives to assist in the development of a rationalized
12 national investment incentive policy.

13 In the grant of incentives, it shall give equal preference to large investments, those
14 with great potential for employment generation and those of local small and medium
15 enterprises. Registered tourism enterprises owned and operated by overseas Filipino
16 investors shall enjoy the same incentives granted to TEZ operators and registered
17 enterprises in general. The amount of required investments shall be defined in the
18 implementing rules and regulations of this Act. The incentive schemes set forth in
19 Sections 86, 87 and 88 shall be in effect for a period of **SEVENTEEN (17)** years from
20 the effectivity of this Act, which period is subject to review by the Joint Congressional
21 Oversight Committee on Tourism."

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23 SECTION 2. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other
24 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with Section 1 of this Act are hereby repealed or
25 modified accordingly.

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27 Section 3. **Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the
28 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
29 circulation in the Philippines.

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31 Approved,