



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2072

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHATTO, CAJES AND JALA

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS AN ECO-CULTURAL TOURISM ZONE

*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 of
2 the State to promote a sustainable eco-cultural tourism industry. It shall
3 formulate effective strategies and programs to enable the industry to become a
4 major source of livelihood and employment generation, to promote decent and
5 productive employment for every Filipino worker as a means to alleviate
6 poverty as well as institutionalize the Philippines as one of the important
7 tourist destinations in the world.

8 SEC. 2. *Eco-cultural Tourism Zone.* – The entire Province of Bohol
9 and the City of Tagbilaran are hereby declared as eco-cultural tourism zones.

1 SEC. 3. *Eco-cultural Tourism Master Plan and Implementing Rules*
2 *and Regulations.* – The Department of Tourism (DoT), the Department of
3 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the National Commission for
4 Culture and the Arts (NCCA), in coordination with the local government units
5 of the City of Tagbilaran and the Province of Bohol, shall prepare an
6 eco-cultural tourism master plan and promulgate the necessary rules and
7 regulations.

8 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
9 and regulations and other issuances inconsistent or contrary with this Act are
10 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
12 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the
13 other provisions hereof.

14 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
15 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two newspapers of general
16 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,