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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 233

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on JAN 30 2007.

Re : House Bill No. 591

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Gordon.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Tourism to which was referred House Bill No. 591, introduced by Representative Fuentebella, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING THE ATULAYAN ISLAND OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAGNAY,
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS A TOURIST ZONE"**

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, delete lines 1 to 2, and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 1 which shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. THIS ACT HEREBY DECLARES THE ATULAYAN ISLAND OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAGNAY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS A NATIONAL TOURISM ZONE.";

2. On the same page, delete the entire Section 2, from line 3 up to line 9 and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 2 which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 2. UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION RATIONALIZING THE NATIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM IS ADOPTED, THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES SHALL GOVERN THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS TOURISM ZONE:

A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, AND THE PARTIDO DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (PDA) SHALL COORDINATE IN THE FORMULATION OF A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOURISM ZONE: PROVIDED, THAT SAID PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH, OR MAY BE INTEGRATED INTO, THE NATIONAL TOURISM MASTER PLAN OF THE DOT.

B) THE PLAN SHALL PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL FEATURES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TOURISM ZONE, WHILE

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

C) THE PDA AND THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITIES SHALL UTILIZE ITS POWERS PROVIDED UNDER R.A. 7820, AS AMENDED, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, RESPECTIVELY, TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

D) THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, MAY PROVIDE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WHILE ENDEAVORING, WHEN PRACTICABLE, TO PROMOTE THE TOURISM ZONE BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

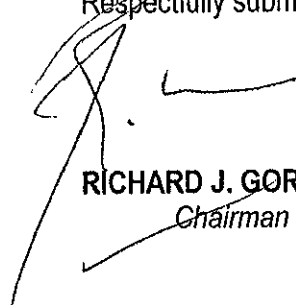
E) THE DOT, PDA AND THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITIES SHALL CREATE A FORUM BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS, CAN INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT SHALL ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURE OF TOURISM.";

3. . On page 2, delete Section 3 and renumber the succeeding sections accordingly; and
4. On the same page, delete the entire Section 4 and Section 5 and in lieu thereof insert a new sections which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 3. THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PDA AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, SHALL ADOPT APPROPRIATE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT."

"SEC. 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF COMPLETION OF ITS PUBLICATION."

Respectfully submitted:

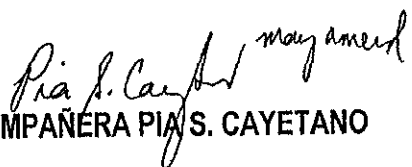


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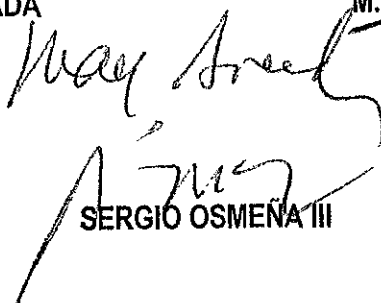
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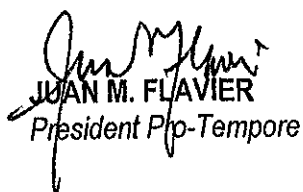


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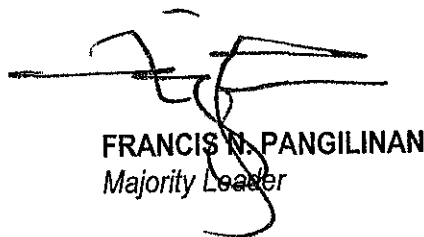


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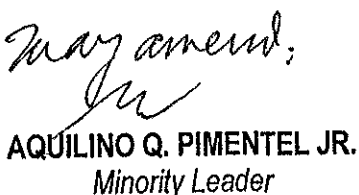
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 591

BY REPRESENTATIVE FUENTEBELLA

AN ACT DECLARING THE ATULAYAN ISLAND OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SAGÑAY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR
AS A TOURIST ZONE

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

1 SECTION 1. The Atulayan Island of the Municipality of Sagñay,
2 Province of Camarines Sur is hereby declared as a tourist zone.

3 SEC. 2. The Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the
4 Philippine Tourism Authority and other concerned agencies of the government,
5 shall, within one year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development
6 plan involving the construction, installation and/or maintenance of such
7 appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the
8 island: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of
9 the natural beauty and historical significance thereof.

1 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement said
2 development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall
3 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

4 SEC. 4. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and
5 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

6 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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