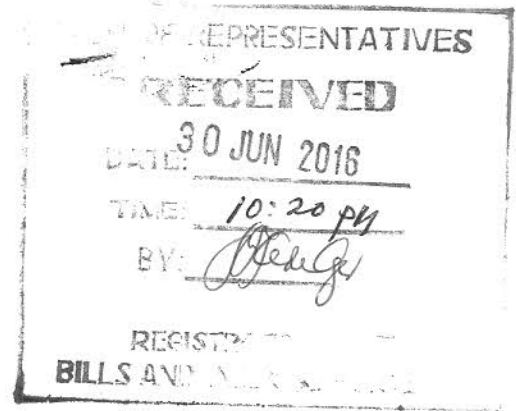


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 623



Introduced by Honorable Fernando V. Gonzalez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009 declared tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socio-economic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos.

In this light, this bill seeks to declare the stretch of beaches that form part of the Albay West Coast located in the Third District of the Province of Albay, are hereby declared as tourist spots, namely: a) the beaches at barangays Buenavista, Malidong, Basicao Coastal, and Marigondon, in the Municipality of Pioduran; b) the beaches at barangays Maonon, Cabarian, and Catburawan, in the City of Ligao; c) the beaches at barangays Badian, Cagmanaba, Maramba, and Nagas, in the Municipality of Oas; and the beaches at barangays Apud, Rawis, Talin-Talin, and Pantao, in the Municipality of Libon.

Developing the said stretch of beaches into an ecotourism zone will generate investment and foreign exchange in the area and will also provide employment opportunities for local residents. With the influx of tourists, the ecotourism zone will be a significant source of business opportunities.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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Introduced by HON. FERNANDO V. GONZALEZ

AN ACT

DECLARING THE STRETCH OF BEACHES THAT LINE THE ALBAY WEST COAST IN THE 3RD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AS TOURIST SPOTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The stretch of beaches that form part of the Albay West Coast located in the Third District of the Province of Albay, are hereby declared as tourist spots, namely:

- a. the beaches at barangays Buenavista, Malidong, Basicao Coastal, and Marigondon, in the Municipality of Pioduran;
- b. the beaches at barangays Maonon, Cabarian, and Catburawan, in the City of Ligao;
- c. the beaches at barangays Badian, Cagmanaba, Maramba, and Nagas, in the Municipality of Oas; and
- d. the beaches at barangays Apud, Rawis, Talin-Talin, and Pantao, in the Municipality of Libon.

As such tourist spots, they shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing development of tourist spots.

SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with other government agencies concerned, shall prepare, within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take the necessary steps to implement the said development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.



SEC.4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT..

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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