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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 441

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on **10 OCT 2017**
Re : House Bill No. **6584**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 283
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Maximo B. Dalog

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 283, introduced by Rep. Maximo B. Dalog, entitled:


AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6584**, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 283 with Representatives Maximo B. Dalog and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


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Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6584

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AN ACT
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Barlig Tourism Development
2 Area (Barlig TDA) Act”.

3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote
4 a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally
5 sensitive, economically viable and equitably beneficial to local communities. Towards this
6 end, the State shall support the establishment of Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZs) and ensure
7 the full implementation of this Act and the mobilization of resources for the institutional
8 mechanisms herein established to attract and focus investment on specific geographic areas
9 within the tourism development area.

10 **Sec. 3. Scope and Coverage.** The Municipality of Barlig, Mountain Province is hereby
11 declared a tourism development area. The following natural and historical areas within the
12 town of Barlig which are endowed with natural beauty, pristine water and mountain resources,
13 and rich historical and cultural significance shall be included in the Barlig TDA and thus
14 developed as tourist destinations therein:

- 1 a) The Mount Amuyao and the mountain range of Kadaclan;
- 2 b) The Barlig Rice Terraces in Barangays Gawana, Fiangtin, Macalana and
- 3 Latang;
- 4 c) The Kadaclan Rice Terraces in Barangays Lunas, Chupac, Kaleo and Ogo-og;
- 5 d) The Lias Rice Terraces and Challos Falls in Barangays Lias Silangan and Lias
- 6 Kanluran;
- 7 e) The Topnew and Lingoy Hot Springs and Lake Tufob in Barangay Lingoy;
- 8 f) The Mornang Hot Spring, the Mornang and Allob Falls, the Siblaw Taraw Lake
- 9 and the Wonderful Rock in Barangay Latang;
- 10 g) The Lettang Burial Caves and the Lettang, Moyopoyop and Patyayan Falls in
- 11 Barangay of Lunas;
- 12 h) The Or-or Falls in Barangay Kaleo, Amfitayok Falls in Barangay Ogo-og and
- 13 the Tokchag Falls in Barangay Gawana;
- 14 i) The Lusong Fukian Kan Wikian Rock Formation in Barangay Fiangtin; and
- 15 j) The Pangngor Chin Stone and Tomallan Waterfalls in Barangay Macalana.

16 The development of the Barlig TDA shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism
17 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism development
18 areas.

19 **Sec. 4. *Tourism Development Plan of Barlig.*** – The Tourism Development Plan of
20 the Municipality of Barlig shall be incorporated in the DOT’s overall National Tourism
21 Development Plan (NTDP) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as “The
22 Tourism Act of 2009,” and shall be jointly implemented by the local government of Barlig and
23 the Provincial Tourism Council of Mountain Province, taking into consideration Republic Act
24 No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992”
25 and its implementing rules and regulations.

1 The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
2 Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall delineate well
3 defined geographic areas within the Barlig TDA and coordinate the integrated development of
4 these areas for the optimum use of natural assets and attractions, as well as existing facilities.

5 **Sec. 5. Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund.** – There is hereby established a trust
6 fund under this Act to be known as the Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund for the purpose
7 of financing projects which shall enhance tourism in the Municipality. The Trust Fund shall
8 be administered by a Trust Fund Administrator under the Municipal Tourism Council of Barlig.
9 The Trust Fund shall be derived from fees collected from visitors/tourists, other resources from
10 the Province, proceeds from the registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism
11 concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting
12 the Municipality.

13 The Trust Fund may be augmented by grants and donations, endowment from various
14 sources, domestic or foreign entities and individuals, for purposes related to their functions;
15 *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be in accordance with existing accounting and
16 auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the Trust Fund shall not be used to cover
17 personal services and expenditures.

18 **Sec. 6. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department’s
19 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
20 General Appropriations Act and internally-generated funds of the DOT.

21 **Sec. 7. Separability Clause.** – Any provision of this Act or part hereof that may be
22 declared unconstitutional shall not affect the effectivity of the other provisions.

23 **Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and
24 regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed
25 repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **Sec. 9. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 Approved,