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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. _____

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on 10 OCT 2017
Re : House Bill No. 6588
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 981
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 981, introduced by Rep. Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun, entitled:


AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF BUTUAN A HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6588, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF BUTUAN A HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 981 with Rep. Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun and Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. 6588

Introduced by Representatives Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun and
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AN ACT
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** The City of Butuan is hereby declared as a heritage tourism zone. As
2 such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) in
3 coordination with the National Historical Institute, the National Museum and other
4 government agencies. It shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of tourist zones.

6 The City of Butuan is rich with historical and cultural landmarks, rivers and mountain
7 resources, indigenous communities, and other areas full of potentials for heritage, prehistoric
8 and cultural tourism industry.

9 Sec. 2. The City of Butuan, situated in Region XIII, CARAGA, is bounded on the
10 North, Municipality of Magallanes, Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan del
11 Norte and Butuan Bay; on the West, Municipality of Buenavista, Agusan del Norte; on the
12 East, Municipality of Sibagat, Agusan del Sur; on the South, Municipality of Las Nieves,
13 Agusan del Norte.

14 The technical description of the City Of Butuan being declared as heritage tourism
15 zone are as follows:

16 Beginning at the point marked 1 on the plan being S 43° 27' W, 920.67 m. from
17 BLLM #1 CAD 668, Magallanes; ..

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19 thence S 42°54'E, 2900.17 m. to point 2; thence S 34° 45' W, 3472.10 m. to point 28;

1 thence N 89° 59' E, 1877.92 m. to point 3; thence S 55° 42' W, 6585.79 m. to point 29;
 2 thence S 89° 59' E, 2743.11 m. to point 4; thence S 38° 00' W, 1460.99 m. to point 30;
 3 thence due North, 878.37 m. to point 5; thence S 19° 06' E, 8985.89 m. to point 31;
 4 thence due North, 1153.59 m. to point 6; thence S 15° 12' E, 8769.37 m. to point 32;
 5 thence due North, 5600.02 m. to point 7; thence S 76° 17' W, 4366.72 m. to point 33;
 6 thence S 78° 14' E, 10688.04 m. to point 8; thence S 89° 50' W, 16070.73 m. to point 34;
 7 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 9; thence N 28° 51' W, 1204.81 m. to point 35;
 8 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 10; thence N 52° 26' W, 5489.15 m. to point 36;
 9 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 11; thence N 53° 37' W, 2816.24 m. to point 37;
 10 thence N 89° 29' E, 500.00 m. to point 12; thence N 06° 44' W, 6622.50 m. to point 38;
 11 thence N 89° 29' E, 500.00 m. to point 13; thence N 17° 56' E, 1624.13 m. to point 39;
 12 thence N 89° 29' E, 500.00 m. to point 14; thence N 16° 00' E, 500.00 m. to point 40;
 13 thence N 87° 42' E, 1408.24 m. to point 15; thence N 16° 00' E, 500.00 m. to point 41;
 14 thence S 86° 19' E, 594.02 m. to point 16; thence N 16° 00' E, 999.97 m. to point 42;
 15 thence N 89° 29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 17; thence N 16° 00' E, 500.01 m. to point 43;
 16 thence N 89° 29' E, 3188.03 m. to point 18; thence N 16° 00' E, 500.00 m. to point 44;
 17 thence S 34° 45' W, 2000.00 m. to point 19; thence N 16° 00' E, 400.10 m. to point 45;
 18 thence S 34° 45' W, 2000.00 m. to point 20; thence N 16° 00' E, 400.10 m. to point 46;
 19 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 21; thence N 16° 00' E, 500.01 m. to point 47;
 20 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 22; thence N 16° 00' E, 500.10 m. to point 48;
 21 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 23; thence N 15° 59' E, 5023.49 m. to point 49;
 22 thence S 34° 45' W, 500.00 m. to point 24; thence N 05° 15' W, 4235.48 m. to point 50;
 23 thence S 34° 45' W, 500.00 m. to point 25; thence N 58° 29' E, 6100.91 m. to point 51;
 24 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 26; thence S 67° 06' E, 1171.30 m. to point 1;
 25 thence S 34° 45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 27;
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27 The City of Butuan has an area of 829, 702, 477.50 sq. m. All points referred to are
 28 indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by Municipal Boundary Monuments and all
 29 points not otherwise described are concrete cylindrical monuments of 15 x 15 x 60 cm.

30 **Sec. 3.** The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise
 31 Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, including the
 32 National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the National Museum of the
 33 Philippines, and other government agencies, including the Department of Public Works and
 34 Highways (DPWH), shall prepare the necessary tourism development plan, providing for

1 their development and maintenance, including improvement and restoration of sites, where
2 appropriate, in conformity with set standards, construction of hotels, resorts, restaurants,
3 recreational facilities and other appropriate facilities and infrastructure; *Provided*, That the
4 said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage and the historical
5 significance of the area/s concerned.

6 **Sec. 4.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), shall coordinate
7 with the DOT for the necessary construction and/or improvement of roads and other
8 infrastructure projects upon promulgation of this Act, and incorporate the design,
9 construction and funding of the same in its infrastructure program.

10 **Sec. 5.** The Secretary of the DOT and the Secretary of the DPWH shall include in
11 their respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
12 included in the annual General Appropriations Act or charged against the internally-
13 generated funds of the DOT.

14 **Sec. 6.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and
15 incorporate this in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing
16 year. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
17 implementation of this Act.

18 **Sec. 7.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts
19 thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repeal
20 or modified accordingly.

21 **Sec. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
22 Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

23 *Approved,*