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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 502

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on 05 DEC 2017

Re : House Bill No. **6759**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2490

Sponsors : Representatives Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Estrellita B. Suansing

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2490, introduced by Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, entitled:

AN ACT

DECLARING THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, ALIAGA, NUEVA ECIJA AS A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6759**, entitled:


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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2490 with Representatives Estrellita B. Suansing and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

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

1 SECTION 1. The Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist Church, also known as
2 the Taong Putik Dambana ni San Juan Bautista, is hereby declared a pilgrimage site and a
3 tourist destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
4 Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
5 governing the development of pilgrimage sites and tourist destinations.

6 SEC. 2. The technical description of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the Baptist
7 Church, being declared a pilgrimage site and tourist destination are as follows:

LINES	BEARINGS	DISTANCES
1 2	S 65° 38' W	16.41 m.
2 3	S 60° 52' W	34.75 m.
3 4	N 26° 08' W	14.76 m.
4 5	N 29° 01' W	50.91 m.
5 6	N 58° 10' E	56.24 m.
6 7	S 29° 08' E	25.66 m.
7 8	S 25° 54' E	20.26 m.
8 9	S 26° 16' E	24.24 m.
9 1	S 67° 37' W	3.62 m.
TIE LINE: N 43° 35' E, 3872.57 M. FROM: BLLM NO. 1 ALIAGA CADASTRE TO COR. - 1		

1 SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
2 with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies
3 of the government shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction,
4 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall
5 improve the overall feature of the area thereby ensuring the accessibility and security of
6 pilgrims and tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
7 conservation of the historic significance of the area.

8 SEC . 4. The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement
9 the tourism development plan that will suit the needs of the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John the
10 Baptist Church and shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans and programs
11 for national implementation.

12 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
13 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
14 Appropriations Act and from internally-generated funds of the DOT.

15 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in
16 consultation with the local government unit of Aliaga, shall promulgate the necessary rules
17 and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

18 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
19 Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

20 Approved,