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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 630  

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on DEC 05 2020  
Re: House Bill No. 8146  
Recommend its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2284  
Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo and Abdullah D. Dimaporo  

Mr. Speaker:  

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2284, introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo and Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo, entitled:  

AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, CREATING THE LANO DEL NORTE TOURISM COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8146, entitled:  

AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA), CREATING THE LANO DEL NORTE TOURISM COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  


Respectfully submitted,  

REP. ERIC GO YAP  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations  

REP. SOL ARAGONES  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism  

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

1 SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Lanao del Norte Tourism Development Area Act”.

2 Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.

3 Sec. 3. Scope and Coverage. – The Province of Lanao del Norte is hereby declared a tourism development area (TDA). The Lanao del Norte TDA shall cover its municipalities endowed with natural beauty, small islands, waterfalls, springs, rivers, caves, beaches, sea and mountain resources, historical and natural landmarks, indigenous communities and other areas of interest to the tourism industry.
As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism development areas.

Sec. 4. Tourism Development Plan. – Within one year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall prepare a tourism development plan for the Province of Lanao del Norte and shall incorporate the same in the DOT’s overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the “Tourism Act of 2009”. Said tourism development plan shall be jointly implemented with the local government units concerned and the Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council, taking into consideration Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992” and its implementing rules and regulations.

The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall delineate well-defined geographic areas within the Lanao del Norte TDA and coordinate the integrated development of these areas for the optimum use of natural assets and attractions, as well as existing facilities.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the DOT and the Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council, shall set in place the necessary construction and improvement of roads and other infrastructure upon the promulgation of this Act and incorporate the same in its infrastructure program.

Sec. 5. Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council. - The Provincial Governor of Lanao del Norte shall create the Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council, hereinafter referred to as the “Council”, which shall be composed of government and private sector representatives.

The Council shall have the following functions:
a) Formulate programs and recommendations to develop local tourism facilities and attractions tapping local resources and funds:

b) Assist in the regulation and supervision of tourism-oriented establishments thereby ensuring wholesome and clean tourism activities;

c) Assist in monitoring the implementation of the Local Government Code on the matter of licensing of tourism establishments in the locality to ascertain safe and enjoyable stay of travelers;

d) Strictly enforce sanitary standards in public restrooms frequented by public utility vehicles and tourist transport services, i.e. gasoline stations, restaurants along main highways and bus stops; and

e) Perform other duties in accordance with the Department of Interior and Local Government’s (DILG) Guidelines.

The provincial government of Lanao del Norte shall provide a Secretariat for the Council including the funding necessary to cover expenses for the performance of its official functions and activities.

Sec. 6. Lanao del Norte Tourism Development Trust Fund. - There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Lanao del Norte Tourism Development Trust Fund, for the purpose of financing projects which shall enhance tourism in the Province. The Trust Fund shall be administered by a Trust Fund Administrator under the Provincial Tourism Office of Lanao del Norte. Funds shall be derived from fees collected from tourists, other resources from the Province, proceeds from the registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting the Province.

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

**Sec. 7. Appropriations.** – The Secretaries of the DOT, DENR and DPWH shall include in their respective Departments’ programs 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. 8. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

**Sec. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,