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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7690
(In substitution of House Bill No. 773)

Introduced by: Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes

AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF PADRE
PIO, COMMONLY KNOWN AS PADRE PIO SHRINE, LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN
PEDRO, CITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, A TOURISM
DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The immediate environs of the National Shrine of Padre Pio, commonly
2 known as Padre Pio Shrine, located in Barangay San Pedro, City of Sto. Tomas, Province of
3 Batangas, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, the development of the Shrine's
4 immediate environs shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in
5 coordination with the city government of Sto. Tomas, Batangas and other concerned
6 agencies, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of
7 tourism destinations.

8 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
9 with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies
10 of the government shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction,
11 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall
12 improve the overall features of the environs surrounding Padre Pio Shrine, thereby ensuring
13 its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall
14 ensure the preservation and conservation of the tourism significance of the area.

1 SEC. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
2 implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the Padre Pio Shrine
3 and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development Plan.

4 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT and the Chief Operating Officer of the
5 Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) shall include in
6 their respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of
7 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from
8 internally generated funds of the DOT.

9 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in
10 consultation with the city government of Sto. Tomas, Batangas shall promulgate the
11 necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

12 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
13 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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15 Approved.