Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7696  
(In Substitution of House Bill No. 2696)

Introduced by Representative Marisol C. Panotes

AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE A TOURISM  
DESTINATION AND THE SURFING CAPITAL OF THE BICOL REGION AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Camarines Norte Surfing Capital of  
the Bicol Region Act”.

Sec. 2. The Province of Camarines Norte is hereby declared a tourism destination and  
the Surfing Capital of the Bicol Region. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the  
Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned government agencies, subject to the rules  
and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

Sec. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination  
with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public  
Works and Highways (DPWH), the provincial government of Camarines Norte and other  
concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing, among  
others, the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
infrastructure that shall develop and promote the beaches and surfing activities in the Province, improve accessibility and ensure the security of tourists.

Sec. 4. The DOT, in coordination with other concerned government agencies, shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development programs for the ensuing calendar year.

Sec. 5. The Secretaries of the DOT, DPWH and DENR shall include in their respective Department’s program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

Sec. 6. Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with the provincial government of Camarines Norte and other concerned government agencies, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper implementation.

Sec. 7. 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orders, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.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. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,