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EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many years, the trickle-down development school of thought held sway in the country. What this theory posits is that from urban economic centers where huge investments are made, development will cascade or trickle down to the countryside. This centrist development approach however did not hold on for long as it was proven that the trickle-down effect is very minimal in bringing development if at all.

Soon, a paradigm shift took place with bottom up planning and grassroots/countryside development being implemented to really tap the huge potentials of the countryside. The Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Bottom Up Budgeting (BUB) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) implementation of the KALAHI-CIDSS Program utilize the same principle- from the bottom up.

These are the major premises for the instant legislative proposal- the creation/formation of Barangay Tourism and Investment Councils in the countryside.

With new policy and program thrusts being pursued by the Department of Tourism-Agri-farm tourism, eco-tourism, even faith/religious tourism, our people in the barangays can have direct participation in promoting and developing the country's tourism potentials. Since they are the primary stakeholders in their areas of jurisdiction, the Barangay Tourism and Investments Councils are in the best positions of empowerment – deciding for themselves what are best for their communities, and collectively acting on initiatives that they are capable of undertaking.

Approval of this measure is thus earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION/FORMATION OF BARANGAY TOURISM AND INVESTMENTS COUNCILS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created/established, a Barangay Tourism and Investments Council in every barangay of the country.

SECTION 2. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall work closely on the operationalization of these Councils.

SECTION 3. The needed funds for the operationalization of these Councils shall be initially sourced from the budget of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, the needed appropriations for the continued operations of the Council shall be incorporated in the annual budget of the DILG.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect as soon as it is published in the Official Gazette.

Approved,