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**HOUSE BILL NO. 7694**  
(In Substitution of House Bill No. 2680)

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Introduced by Representative Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE POLILLO GROUP OF ISLANDS AND THE MUNICIPALITY**  
**OF MAUBAN IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, A TOURISM ZONE AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Polillo Group of Islands composed of Polillo, Burdeos,  
2 Panukulan, Patnanungan and Jomalig and the Municipality of Mauban, all in the Province of  
3 Quezon, are hereby declared a tourism zone.

4           **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Department of Tourism  
5 (DOT), in coordination with the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources  
6 (DENR), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other  
7 concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing,  
8 among others, the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities  
9 and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the Polillo Group of Islands and the  
10 Municipality of Mauban: *Provided,* That said development shall ensure the preservation,  
11 protection and enhancement of the natural features, historic significance and cultural heritage

1 of the tourism zone, while providing sustainable economic opportunities for the local  
2 community.

3 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism  
4 development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's tourism development  
5 program for the ensuing calendar year.

6 **Sec. 4.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall provide necessary  
7 technical and financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure and the  
8 conduct of skills development seminars in the concerned local government units (LGUs)  
9 within the tourism zone to support the local tourism program. The DOT shall likewise  
10 promote the Polillo Group of Islands and Municipality of Mauban in all its international and  
11 domestic tourism programs.

12 **Sec. 5.** The DOT and concerned LGUs shall take necessary measures to encourage  
13 investment and develop a culture of tourism in the area.

14 **Sec. 6.** The Secretaries of the DOT and DENR shall include in their respective  
15 Department's program the development of Polillo Group of Islands and the Municipality of  
16 Mauban, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act  
17 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

18 **Sec. 7.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall  
19 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper implementation.

20 **Sec. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other  
21 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or  
22 amended accordingly.

23 **Sec. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
24 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

1 Approved,