



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9551

BY REPRESENTATIVES LOYOLA, ARAGONES, BASCUG, VIOLAGO, GATO, GO (M.), MATUGAS, FARINAS (R.C.), EBCAS, BAÑAS-NOGRALES, DAGOOC, SAULOG, GUYA, SAVELLANO, ALBANO, BARBA, DY (F.), FRASCO, SILVERIO AND ELAGO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1031

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF OUR LADY OF CANDELARIA
PARISH CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE
OF CAVITE, A TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT,
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 Our Lady of Candelaria Parish Church
2 located in the Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite, is hereby declared a tourism
3 destination. As such, the development of the immediate environs of Our Lady of Candelaria
4 Parish Church shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned
5 agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
6 destinations.

7 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in
8 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National
9 Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and other concerned agencies of the
10 government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,
11 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to improve the

1 overall features of the immediate environs surrounding Our Lady of Candelaria Parish Church,
2 thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of the tourists: *Provided*, That said
3 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance
4 of the area.

5 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps
6 to implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of Our Lady of
7 Candelaria Parish Church, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development
8 program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
10 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
11 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
12 Department.

13 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
14 consultation with the municipal government of Silang, promulgate the necessary rules and
15 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,