

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10409, March 19, 2013]

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as “An Act Declaring the Province of Biliran as a Tourism Development Area (TDA)”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitable for local communities. In so doing, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act, support the establishment of Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZ) and the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established to attract and focus investment on specific geographic areas within the TDA.

SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* – The TDAs in Biliran hereby include, but not limited to, the following municipalities endowed with natural beauty and historic significance:

The Higatangan Island, herein, within the Municipality of Naval in the Province of Biliran, with coordinates beginning at a point marked cor “1? northing 1280743 and easting 636564 and ending at a point marked cor “90? northing 1280647 and easting 636599 covers an area of 487.46 hectares.

The Sambawan Island, herein, within the Municipality of Maripipi in the Province of Biliran, with coordinates beginning at a point marked cor “1? northing 1300284 and easting 637845.3 and ending at a point marked cor “8? northing 1300269 and easting 637830 covers an area of 1.4 hectares.

The Mangrove Area of Looc known as the Cabucgayan Boardwalk, herein, within the Municipality of Cabucgayan in the Province of Biliran, with coordinates beginning at a point marked cor “1? northing 1269357 and easting 668319 and ending at a point marked cor “7? northing 1269263 and easting 668235.5 covers an area of 4.73 hectares.

The Casabangan Falls, herein, within the Municipality of Cabucgayan in the Province of Biliran, with coordinates beginning at a point marked cor “1? northing 1270896 and easting 666847.9 and ending at a point marked cor “9? northing 1270897 and easting 666830.0 covers an area of 0.18 hectares.

The Tinago Falls, herein, within the Municipality of Caibiran in the Province of Biliran, with coordinates beginning at a point marked cor “1? northing 1280986 and easting