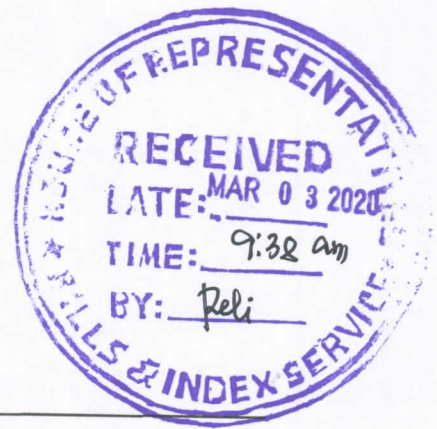


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 252

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on **MAR 03 2020**
Re : House Bill No. **6441**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 910
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones and Julienne "Jam Jam" Baronda

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism to which was referred House Bill No. 910, introduced by Rep. Julienne "Jam Jam" Baronda, entitled:

AN ACT AMENDING
SECTION 1 AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10555
TO INCLUDE AREVALO PLAZA AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **6441**, entitled:

AN ACT
INCLUDING AREVALO PLAZA IN THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE
TOURISM ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10555,
ENTITLED: "AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE
ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA
COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 910 with Representative Julienne "Jam Jam" Baronda, as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6441

Introduced by Representative Julienne “Jam Jam” Baronda

AN ACT
INCLUDING AREVALO PLAZA IN THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE
TOURISM ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10555,
ENTITLED: “AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH,
THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO
PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX,
ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM
ZONE

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

1 SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 2 of Republic Act No. 10555 are hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 [“**Section 1.** Title. – This Act shall be known as “An Act Declaring the Jaro
4 Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro
5 Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex and Plaza Libertad Complex, all located in the
6 City of Iloilo, as Cultural Heritage Tourism Zone”.

7 The Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central Business District, Fort
8 San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex, and Plaza Libertad Complex, all
9 located in the City of Iloilo, are hereby declared as heritage and tourist spots. As such,
10 they shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

1 **Section 2.** Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State
2 to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative,
3 culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitable for local communities.

4 Towards this end, the Jaro Cathedral, Molo Church, the Iloilo City Central
5 Business District, Fort San Pedro, Jaro Plaza Complex, Molo Plaza Complex, and Plaza
6 Libertad Complex, all located in the City of Iloilo, declared as cultural heritage tourism
7 zone, shall be accorded priority development by the DOT and shall be subject to the
8 rules and regulations governing the development of tourism zones.”]

9 SECTION 1. *SHORT TITLE.* – THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE
10 “ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE ACT.”

11 SECTION 2. *DECLARATION OF THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL*
12 *HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE.* PURSUANT TO THE DECLARED POLICY OF THE
13 STATE TO PROMOTE A TOURISM INDUSTRY THAT IS ECOLOGICALLY
14 SUSTAINABLE, RESPONSIBLE, PARTICIPATIVE, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE,
15 ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND EQUITABLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES,
16 THE AREA COMPRISED OF THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE
17 ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO
18 PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX, PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX
19 AND AREVALO PLAZA, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, SHALL
20 HEREBY BE DECLARED AS THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE
21 TOURISM ZONE. AS SUCH, THE AREA SHALL BE ACCORDED PRIORITY
22 DEVELOPMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT), SUBJECT TO
23 THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
24 TOURISM ZONES.

1 SEC. 2. The title of Republic Act No. 10555 is likewise amended, to read as
2 follows: “AN ACT DECLARING THE **AREA COMPRISED OF THE JARO**
3 **CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS**
4 **DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA**
5 **COMPLEX, [AND] PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX AND AREVALO PLAZA,**
6 **ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO AS THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL**
7 **HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE.”**

8 SEC. 3. The other pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 10555, and other
9 laws, rules and regulations or other issuances, or any part thereof, which are
10 inconsistent with this amendatory law are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

11 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
12 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

13 Approved,