REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8059

AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY PATAG IN SILAY CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, A TOURIST ZONE

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

- Section 1. Barangay Patag in Silay City, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby declared a tourist zone. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zones.
- SEC. 2. The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Philippine Tourism Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within one year after the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the construction, installation and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance of the area.
- SEC. 3. The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps to implement said development plan and shall incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.
- SEC. 4. The Department of Tourism shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.
 - SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Lapsed into law on June 15, 1995 without the President's signature, pursuant to Sec. 27(1), Article VI of the Constitution.