HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2140

BY REPRESENTATIVE AGYAO

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA IN THE CORDILLERA REGION AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1   SECTION 1. *State Policy.* – It is hereby declared to be the policy of
2 the State to promote sustainable tourism industry throughout the country.

3   SEC. 2. Towards this end, the Province of Kalinga in the Cordillera
4 Region is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, it shall be accorded
5 priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be
6 subject to the rules and regulations governing tourism zones.

7   SEC. 3. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and
8 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the
9 government, shall, within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, cause the
10 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
11 infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the area.

1   SEC. 4. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement said
2   development plan and shall incorporate the same in its overall development
3   program for the ensuing calendar year.

4   SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
5   program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
6   in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally generated funds of
7   the Department.

8   SEC. 6. Any provision of this Act or part hereof that may be declared
9   unconstitutional shall not affect the effectivity of the other provisions.

10   SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and
11   regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall
12   be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

13   SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
14   in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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