



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2166

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DELOSO-MONTALLA

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AN ACT DECLARING THE SAGRADA FAMILIA CAVES IN  
ZAMBALES AS 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. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy  
2 of the State to promote a sustainable ecotourism industry to attract local and  
3 foreign tourists while making them aware of the urgent need to preserve the  
4 blessings of nature.

5           SEC. 2. *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Zone.* – The Sagrada  
6 Familia Caves is hereby declared an ecotourism zone.

7           SEC. 3. *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Governing Board.* – For  
8 the purpose of Section 2 of this Act, an ecotourism governing board, to be  
9 known as the Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Governing Board, is hereby  
10 created. The board shall be composed of the Representative of the Second  
11 District of Zambales who shall act as chair, the Secretaries of the Department  
12 of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
13 (DENR) or their duly authorized representatives, a member of a  
14 nongovernment organization whose advocacy is environmental preservation, a  
15 member of the academe, a representative of the business sector and a

1 representative of the private sector. The governing board shall prepare the  
2 rules and regulations necessary for the full implementation by the concerned  
3 local government units of the provisions of this Act and shall, as the need  
4 arises, amend, modify or revise such rules and regulations to meet the needs of  
5 changing times.

6 SEC. 4. *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Master Plan.* — The  
7 DENR and the DOT shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the  
8 approval of this Act, develop a master plan to be approved by the President of  
9 the Republic of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the governing  
10 board.

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

15 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, rules, regulations, executive  
16 orders, presidential decrees or any other issuances contrary to or inconsistent  
17 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified  
18 accordingly.

19 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision or part of this Act may  
20 be declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions which are not affected  
21 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Approved,

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