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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 433

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance on JAN 26 2016

Re : House Bill No. 4127

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Escudero.

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 4127, introduced by Representative Padilla, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DECLARING THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
KASIBU, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AS AN ECOTOURISM  
DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report this bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 4127 be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, delete the title of the bill "AN ACT DECLARING THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KASIBU, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" and in lieu thereof, insert the new title of the bill which shall read as follows:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM STEERING COUNCIL  
TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE  
CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KASIBU,  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR"; and**

2. On page 1 up to page 2, delete the entire Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and in lieu thereof, insert the following new Sections:

**"SECTION 1. THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM STEERING COUNCIL IS HEREBY CREATED AS AN ECOTOURISM GOVERNING BODY TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.**

**SEC. 2. THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM STEERING COUNCIL, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE STEERING COUNCIL, IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**(A) THE GOVERNOR OF NUEVA VIZCAYA OR HIS/HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AS CHAIRPERSON;**

**(B) THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR REGION II OR HIS/HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AS CO-CHAIRPERSON;**

**(C) THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) FOR REGION II OR HIS/HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON;**

**(D) THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KASIBU, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA OR HIS/HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AS MEMBER;**

**(E) THE BARANGAY CHAIRPERSON OF BARANGAY CAPISAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KASIBU, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA OR HIS/HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AS MEMBER;**

**(F) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) OR HIS/HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AS MEMBER; AND**

**(G) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION OR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

ORGANIZATION DULY ACCREDITED EITHER BY THE DENR, DOT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OPERATING IN THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM, WHICH HAS BEEN EXISTING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS WITH TRACK RECORDS RELATED TO THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AREA, AS MEMBER.

SEC. 3. WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THE STEERING COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO ENHANCE TOURISM IN THE AREA IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM BY THE DENR AS PROVIDED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9072, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL CAVES AND CAVE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT". THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL ENSURE THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AREA.

SEC. 4. THE STEERING COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE A SCHEME OF INCOME AND BENEFIT SHARING AMONG ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM.

SEC. 5. THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM SHALL BE INCORPORATED IN THE NATIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE DOT PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009". THE DOT SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT WILL SUIT THE NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM AND SHALL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION IN ALL ITS NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL PROMOTION PROGRAMS.

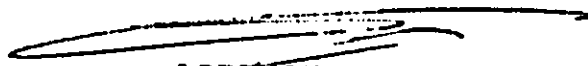
SEC. 6. THE FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS OF THE DOT OR BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."

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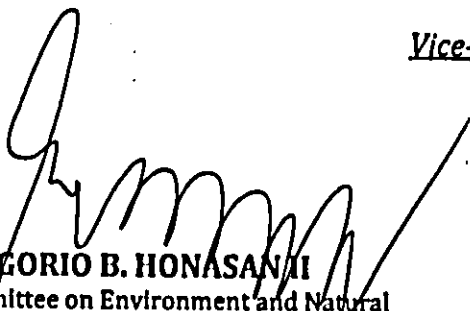


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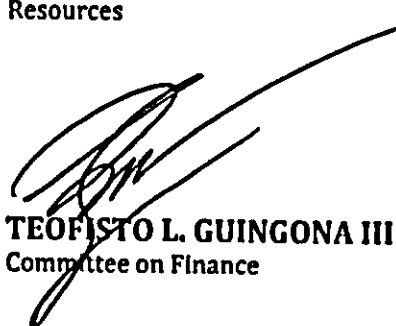
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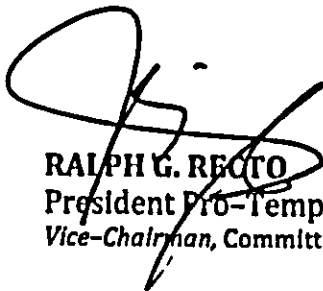
  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4127

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BY REPRESENTATIVE PADILLA

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AN ACT DECLARING THE CAPISAAN CAVE SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KASIBU, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. The Capisaan Cave System is hereby declared an  
2 ecotourism destination. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by  
3 the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, and shall be  
4 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism  
5 destinations.

6           SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the local government units  
7 (LGUs) and other concerned agencies of the government shall, within one (1)  
8 year after the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the  
9 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and  
10 infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in the area taking into consideration the  
11 Capisaan Cave System's classification by the Department of Environment and  
12 Natural Resources (DENR), as provided in Republic Act No. 9072, or the  
13 "National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act";  
14 *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and  
15 conservation of the natural resources of the area.

1           SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps in implementing the  
2 tourism development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of the  
3 Capisaan Cave System and shall incorporate the same in its overall  
4 development plans and programs for national implementation.

5           SEC. 4. An ecotourism governing body, to be known as the Capisaan  
6 Cave System Steering Committee, is hereby created. The Board shall be  
7 composed of the Governor of Nueva Vizcaya as Chairperson, the DENR  
8 Regional Executive Director for Region II as Co-Chairperson, the DOT  
9 Regional Director for Region II as Vice Chairperson, the mayor of the  
10 Municipality of Kasibu, the barangay captain of Capisaan, a representative  
11 from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and a  
12 representative from a local based nongovernmental organization (NGO).

13           In accordance with all existing laws, the Steering Committee shall  
14 promulgate policies, rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement  
15 the provisions of this Act. It shall likewise determine a scheme of income and  
16 benefit sharing among all parties concerned.

17           SEC. 5. It shall also be the responsibility of the DOT to promote the  
18 Capisaan Cave System as an ecotourism destination in all its national, regional  
19 and local promotion programs.

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

24           SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
25 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,