HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6075

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG AND ALVAREZ (F.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 847

AN ACT DECLARING KAPANGYAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS A TOURIST 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:

SECTION 1. Kapangyan Falls in the Municipality of Bataraza,
 Province of Palawan is hereby declared a tourist destination. It shall be
 accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall
 be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist
 destinations.

6 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the local government of 7 Palawan and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare, within 8 one (1) year after the approval of this Act, a tourism development plan 9 involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate 10 facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, 11 That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural resources in the area, and in conformity with the intrinsic
 characteristics of Kapangyan Falls and its premises.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to incorporate the 4 development plan in its tourism development program and to prioritize its 5 implementation. The DOT shall likewise promote Kapangyan Falls as a 6 tourism destination in all its international and domestic promotions programs.

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

SEC. 5. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or
 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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