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BY REPRESENTATIVES BATAOIL, DE VENECIA AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 479

AN ACT DECLARING THE LIMAHONG CHANNEL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Limahong Channel in the Municipality of 1 Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared a tourist spot. 2 3 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of 4 Tourism (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and regulations 5 governing the development of tourist spots. The DOT shall 6 prioritize the establishment of a tourist center to be known as the 7 Limahong Tourist Center. 8 SEC. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure 9 10 and Enterprise Zone Authority and concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving 11 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate 12

facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area:

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1	Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation
2	and conservation of the natural beauty and historical significance
3	thereof.

- SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.
- 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 from internally-generated funds of the DOT.
- SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper implementation.
- 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,