



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6799

BY REPRESENTATIVES SINGSON AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 541

AN ACT DECLARING SANTIAGO COVE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO, PROVINCE OF
ILOCOS SUR 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:*

1 SECTION 1. The Santiago Cove in the Municipality of
2 Santiago, Province of Ilocos Sur is hereby declared a tourist
3 destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

6 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the concerned local
7 government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a
8 tourism development plan involving the construction, installation
9 and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure and facilities that
10 shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
11 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural
12 beauty and resources of the area.

1 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement
2 the development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of
3 Santiago Cove, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
4 development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also
5 include Santiago Cove in all its national, regional and local
6 promotion programs.

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

11 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
12 the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and
13 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

14 SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations and
15 executive orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are
16 hereby amended accordingly.

17 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
19 circulation.

Approved,

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