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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6928

- BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 566
- AN ACT DECLARING MAINIT FALLS AND HOT SPRINGS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN 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 Mainit Falls and Hot Springs located in 2 Barangay Mainit, Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of 3 Palawan is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, 4 its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism 5 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the 6 development of tourist destinations.

7 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, 8 the DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government 9 units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism 10 development plan involving the construction, installation and 11 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said
 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation
 of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

4 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement 5 the tourism development plan that will suit the natural 6 characteristics of Mainit Falls and Hot Springs, and shall 7 incorporate the same in its tourism development program 8 for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include Mainit Falls 9 and Hot Springs in all its national, regional and local 10 promotion 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 from internally generated funds of the DOT.

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

18 SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations and 19 executive orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are 20 hereby amended accordingly.

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

Approved,

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