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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8506

- BY REPRESENTATIVES DIMAPORO (M.K.), NOGRALES (K.A.) AND BRAVO (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 912
- AN ACT DECLARING THE PAGAYAWAN FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. The Pagayawan Falls and its premises located in 2 the Municipality of Bacolod, Province of Lanao del Norte is declared 3 an ecotourism zone. As such, it shall be accorded priority 4 development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in accordance 5 with the rules and regulations governing ecotourism development.

6 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, 7 the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and 8 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of 9 the government, shall prepare the development plan involving the 10 construction, installation or maintenance of appropriate facilities 11 which shall enhance tourism in the area and submit the same to the 12 Lanao del Norte Provincial Tourism Council for its approval. 1 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement 2 the development plan and shall incorporate the same in the 3 National Tourism Development Plan.

4 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, 5 the DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and 6 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

7 SEC. 5. 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 internally generated funds of the DOT.

11 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its 12 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general 13 circulation.

Approved,

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