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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8508

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG, NOGRALES (K.A.) AND BRAVO (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 914

AN ACT DECLARING MUDLOM CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, 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:

SECTION 1. The Mudlom Cave in the Municipality of Quezon,
Province of Palawan is hereby declared a tourist destination. As
such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
governing the development of tourist destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as 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.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement
the development plan that will suit the natural characteristic of
Mudlom Cave, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also
include the Mudlom Cave in all its national, regional and local
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 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 the proper implementation of this Act.
- SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.
- SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,