



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES BATAOIL, NOGRALES (K.A.), SY-ALVARADO  
AND NIETO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 949

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AN ACT DECLARING SITIO MAPITA IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN 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. Sitio Mapita in the Municipality of Aguilar,  
2 Province of Pangasinan, where the Mapita Tribal Community is  
3 located, whose members belong to the Kankanaey, Ibaloy and Bago  
4 tribes, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its  
5 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism  
6 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the  
7 development of ecotourism zones.

8           SEC. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act,  
9 the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and  
10 Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the  
11 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving

1 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate  
2 facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area:  
3 *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation  
4 of the natural beauty and historical significance of the area.

5 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement  
6 the tourism development plan and incorporate the same in its  
7 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

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

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

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

Approved,

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