



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9003

BY REPRESENTATIVES KHO AND SY-ALVARADO, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1181

AN ACT DECLARING THE UBO FALLS LOCATED IN MASBATE
CITY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE 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. It is declared the policy of the State to promote a
2 safe and sustainable ecotourism industry consistent with the
3 protection and preservation of the environment.

4 SEC. 2. The Ubo Falls located in Masbate City, Province of
5 Masbate is declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development
6 shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other
7 concerned agencies, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
8 governing the development of ecotourism zones.

9 SEC. 3. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the
10 DOT, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
11 (DENR), and the Provincial Government of Masbate shall prepare a
12 master plan for the Ubo Falls.

1 Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
2 DOT, the DENR, and the Provincial Government of Masbate, in
3 coordination with other concerned agencies of the government, shall
4 likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
5 proper implementation of this Act.

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

10 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
12 circulation.

 Approved,

 O