



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6446

BY REPRESENTATIVE KHO (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 257

**AN ACT DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, 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 Palani Beach located in the Municipality of
5 Balud, Province of Masbate is hereby declared an ecotourism zone.
6 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
7 Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules
8 and regulations 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 Palani Beach.

1 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
2 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding
3 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
4 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

5 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
6 the DOT, DENR, and the provincial government of Masbate, in
7 coordination with other concerned agencies of the government, shall
8 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
9 implementation of this Act.

10 SEC. 6. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules
11 and regulations, and issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the
12 provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified
13 accordingly.

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

Approved,

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