



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6443

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. 254

AN ACT DECLARING GANGUB CAVE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR
ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. The Gangub Cave in the Municipality of Bataraza,
2 Province of Palawan is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such,
3 its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism
4 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of ecotourism sites.

6 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the
7 DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units
8 and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism
9 development plan involving the construction, installation and
10 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as
11 shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said

1 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of
2 the natural beauty and resources of the area.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement
4 the development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of
5 Gangub Cave, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
6 development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also
7 include Gangub Cave in all its national, regional and local
8 promotion programs.

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

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

16 SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive
17 orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby
18 amended accordingly.

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

Approved,

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