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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7258

Introduced by Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

AN ACT
DECLARING MAINIT FALLS AND HOT SPRINGS LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, 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 Mainit Falls and Hot Springs located in Barangay Mainit,
2 Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan is hereby declared an ecotourism site.
3 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject
4 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
6 with the municipal government of Brooke's Point and concerned agencies of the
7 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing, among others, the
8 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure
9 that shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
10 the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

1 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan in a
2 manner that will protect and enhance the natural characteristics of Mainit Falls and Hot
3 Springs, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing
4 calendar year. It shall also include Mainit Falls and Hot Springs in all its national, regional
5 and local promotion programs.

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

9 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the
10 DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
11 this Act.

12 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof
13 inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

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

Approved,