

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7262

Introduced by Representative Micaela S. Violago

AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT 387 ALSO KNOWN AS MOUNT BATONG-AMAT LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARRANGLAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Mount 387 also known as Mount Batong-Amat located in the

Municipality of Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija is hereby declared a tourist destination.

As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

Sec. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing, among others, the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area, improve accessibility and ensure the security of

1 tourists: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation
2 of the natural beauty and historical significance of the area.

3 Sec. 3. The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement
4 the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
5 ensuing calendar year.

6 Sec. 4. The Secretaries of the DOT, DPWH and the Chief Operating Officer of the
7 Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) shall include in their
8 respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in
9 the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

10 Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in
11 consultation with the municipal government of Carranglan, shall promulgate the necessary
12 rules and regulations for its proper implementation.

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

15 Approved,