

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7655

BY REPRESENTATIVE VELASCO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 489

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE LUZON DATUM LOCATED IN BARANGAY HINANGGAYON,
MUNICIPALITY OF MOGPOG, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, A TOURIST
SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Luzon Datum, the geographical center of the Philippines, located
2 in Barangay Hinanggayon, Municipality of Mogpog, Province of Marinduque, is hereby
3 declared a tourist spot. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
4 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist
5 spots. The DOT shall likewise prioritize the establishment of a tourist center in the area, to be
6 known as the Luzon Datum Tourist Center, that shall showcase the historical significance of
7 the Luzon Datum.

8 **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
9 with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned
10 agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan consisting, among
11 others, the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
12 infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan

1 shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and historical
2 significance thereof.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development
4 plan for Luzon Datum and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development
5 Plan.

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

14 Approved,