

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8200

**BY REPRESENTATIVES CHUNGALAO, ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.), VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO,
CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 654**

AN ACT

**DECLARING MT. KITUMMAN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TUNGNGOD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, AN ECOTOURISM
DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Mount Kitumman located in Barangay Tungngod in the Municipality of
2 Lagawe, Province of Ifugao, where the historical Bintacan Cave is located, is hereby declared
3 an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
4 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism
5 destinations.
- 6 **Sec. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
7 with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies
8 of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan including the construction,
9 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance
10 tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation of the
11 natural beauty and historical significance of the area.

1 **Sec. 3.** The DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and
2 Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned local
3 government units, shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan and
4 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

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

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, executive orders, presidential decrees and other
13 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
14 amended accordingly.

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

17 Approved,