

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8204

BY REPRESENTATIVE CAGAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 657

**AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY BALUTAKAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BANSALAN, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as “Barangay Balutakay Ecotourism
2 Act”.

3 **Sec. 2.** Barangay Balutakay located in the Municipality of Bansalan, Province
4 of Davao del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development
5 shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
6 regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

7 **Sec. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall
8 prepare a tourism development plan including the construction, installation and
9 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance
10 ecotourism in the area: *Provided,* That said development plan shall ensure the
11 preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of available assets and resources
12 in the area.

1 **Sec. 4.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development
2 plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing
3 calendar year. It shall also include Barangay Balutakay in all its national, regional
4 and local promotions programs.

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

9 **Sec. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in
10 consultation with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and the
11 provincial government of Davao del Sur, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
12 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

13 **Sec. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and
14 other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
15 repealed or amended accordingly.

16 **Sec. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
17 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

18 *Approved,*