



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8774

BY REPRESENTATIVE DELOSO-MONTALLA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 765

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE SAGRADA FAMILIA CAVES LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, AN ECOTOURISM
ZONE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Zone.* - The Sagrada Familia
2 Caves located in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales, is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism zone.

4 **Sec. 2.** *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Master Plan.* - Within one hundred
5 twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the
6 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall develop an ecotourism
7 master plan, to be approved by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon the
8 recommendation of the Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Governing Board.

1 **Sec. 3. *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Governing Board.*** - The Sagrada Familia
2 Caves Ecotourism Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, is hereby created.

3 It shall be composed of the following:

4 a) Governor of the Province of Zambales, as Chairperson;

5 b) Representative of the Second District of Zambales, as Co-chairperson;

6 c) Secretaries of the DOT and the DENR, or their duly authorized representatives;

7 d) Representative from a non-government organization whose advocacy is
8 environmental preservation;

9 e) Representative from the academe;

10 f) Representative from the business sector; and

11 g) Representative from the private sector.

12 The Board shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
13 implementation of this Act by the concerned local government units, and shall, as the need
14 arises, amend, modify or revise such rules and regulations to meet the needs of changing
15 times: *Provided*, That the provincial government of Zambales shall provide a Secretariat for
16 the Board including the funding necessary to cover expenses for the performance of its
17 official functions and activities.

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

1 **Sec. 5. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act shall be declared
2 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
3 and effect.

4 **Sec. 6. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential
5 decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
6 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

9 *Approved,*