

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8963

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (M.K.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 837

AN ACT
DECLARING MIGHTY CAVE PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANAOS DEL NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Mighty Cave Park located in the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province of
2 Lanao del Norte is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be
3 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing
4 the development of ecotourism zones.

5 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with
6 the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned
7 agencies of government, shall prepare an ecotourism development plan including the
8 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities that shall enhance
9 ecotourism in the area. The said development plan shall be submitted to the Province of Lanao
10 del Norte Tourism Council for approval.

11 **Sec. 3.** The DOT, in coordination with the TIEZA, shall take immediate steps to
12 implement the ecotourism development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism
13 development program for the ensuing calendar year.

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

1 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall
2 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

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6 *Approved,*