

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9364

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, GONZALEZ AND LUSOTAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 978

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MAGTAYOB FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY BUNOG,  
MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, A TOURISM  
DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Magtayob Falls located in Barangay Bunog, Municipality of Rizal,  
2 Province of Palawan, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall  
3 be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations  
4 governing the development of tourism destinations.

5           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in  
6 coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned local  
7 government units and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that  
8 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and  
9 infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall  
10 ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural resources in the area.

11           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with  
12 due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Magtayob Falls, and shall incorporate the  
13 same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the

1 approval of this Act. It shall also include the Magtayob Falls in all its national, regional and  
2 local promotion programs.

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

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

9 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances  
10 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed and amended  
11 accordingly.

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

*Approved,*