



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9954

BY REPRESENTATIVE MERCADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1119

AN ACT

**DECLARING THE SOGOD ZIPLINE LOCATED ALONG THE VICINITY
OF AGAS-AGAS BRIDGE IN BARANGAY KAHUPIAN, MUNICIPALITY
OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, A TOURISM
DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Sogod Zipline located along the vicinity of Agas-Agas
2 Bridge in Barangay Kahupian, Municipality of Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte, is
3 hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized
4 by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies of the
5 government, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of
6 tourism destinations.

7 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in
8 coordination with the municipal government of Sogod and other concerned agencies
9 of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the
10 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
11 infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan
12 shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and resources in the area.

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate
14 steps to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism
15 development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of
16 this Act. It shall also include the Sogod Zipline in all its national, regional and local
17 promotion programs.

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

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

25 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
26 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper in general circulation.

Approved,