



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10008

BY REPRESENTATIVES FARIÑAS (R.C.) AND FARIÑAS I (R.C.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1149

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MAIRA-IRA COVE, POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE “BLUE
LAGOON”, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, PROVINCE OF
ILOCOS NORTE, 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 Maira-Ira Cove, popularly known as the “Blue Lagoon”, located in the
2 Municipality of Pagudpud, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As
3 such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the
4 rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

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

1 **Sec. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
2 implement the tourism development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of
3 the Blue Lagoon, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
4 calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Blue
5 Lagoon in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

10 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in consultation
11 with the municipal government of Pagudpud and other concerned government agencies and
12 stakeholders, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this
13 Act.

14 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent
15 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

18 Approved,