



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10009

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, GONZALEZ AND LUSOTAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1150

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TAU'T BATO CAVE LOCATED IN BARANGAY RANSANG,
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 Tau't Bato Cave located in Barangay Ransang, Municipality of
2 Rizal, Province of Palawan, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its
3 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
4 and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

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

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan
2 with due consideration to the natural characteristic of the Tau't Bato Cave, and shall
3 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately
4 succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Tau't Bato Cave in all its
5 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
9 the Department.

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

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13 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended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

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

Approved,