



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6928

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 282

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AN ACT

**DECLARING LAKE APO, LOCATED IN BARANGAY GUINOYQRAN, CITY OF  
VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Lake Apo located in Barangay Guinoyoran, City of Valencia,  
2 Province of Bukidnon, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its  
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT),  
4 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

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

1           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local government of the City of Valencia in the  
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
3 capacity building. It shall also include Lake Apo in its national and regional promotion  
4 programs.

5           **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
6 budget of the local government of the City of Valencia. The DOT may augment such  
7 allocation with internally-generated funds.

8           **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the local government of  
9 the City of Valencia shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the  
10 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

Approved,