



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7547

BY REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 425

**AN ACT
DECLARING BIRHEN FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY DANSOLIHON,
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AN
ECOTOURISM SITE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Birhen Falls located in Barangay Dansolihon, Cagayan de Oro City,
2 Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject
4 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

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

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local government of Cagayan de Oro City in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include the Birhen Falls 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 Cagayan de Oro City. 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
9 of Cagayan de Oro City shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
10 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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13 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,