



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7615

BY REPRESENTATIVES BASCUG, PLAZA AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 444

AN ACT

**DECLARING JORDAN WATERFALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY GETHSEMANE,
BAYUGAN CITY, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Jordan Waterfalls located in Barangay Gethsemane, Bayugan City,
2 Province of Agusan Del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to
4 the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **SEC. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the local government of
6 Bayugan City shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
8 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such 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: *Provided, further*,

1 That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the
2 local government of Bayugan City.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local government of Bayugan City in the implementation
4 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
5 shall also include the Jordan Waterfalls in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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13 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.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