



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7639

BY REPRESENTATIVES COJUANGCO (J.) AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 448

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CANDING ECOTOURISM PARK, LOCATED IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC,
AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Candang Ecotourism Park located in the Municipality of San Clemente,
2 Province of Tarlac, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development shall
3 be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
6 San Clemente 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 facilities and
9 infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
10 the 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 municipal government of San Clemente.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of San Clemente in the
4 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
5 capacity building. It shall also include the Candling Ecotourism Park in its national and regional
6 promotion programs.

7 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
8 budget of the municipal government of San Clemente. The DOT may augment such allocation
9 with internally-generated funds.

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

13 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
14 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

15 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees
16 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed
17 or amended accordingly.

18 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
19 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,