



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8035

BY REPRESENTATIVES YAP (C.) AND CARI, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 515

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TAGBAK MARINE PARK, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF LILOAN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Tagbak Marine Park located in the Municipality of Liloan, Province
2 of Southern Leyte, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development
3 shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
4 and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government
6 of Liloan 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
9 and facilities 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,*
11 *further,* That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
12 budget of the municipal government of Liloan.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Liloan in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include the Tagbak Marine Park in its national and regional
4 promotion programs.

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

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

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

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14 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended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

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

Approved,