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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 263**

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAY 29 2017  
Re : House Bill No. 5747  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 614  
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Geraldine B. Roman

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 614, introduced by Rep. Geraldine B. Roman, entitled:


AN ACT  
DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECO-TOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 5747, entitled:

AN ACT  
DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 614 with Rep. Geraldine B. Roman as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**REP. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

  
**REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism

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**Introduced by Representative Geraldine B. Roman**

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**PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as “Pilis Falls Ecotourism Act.”

2           **Sec. 2.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry  
3 that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically  
4 viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.

5           **Sec. 3.** The Pilis Falls in Barangay Palili, Municipality of Samal, Province of Bataan,  
6 is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department  
7 of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the  
8 development of ecotourism sites.

9           The DOT shall prepare and incorporate the development plan for Pilis Falls in the  
10 overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593,  
11 otherwise known as “The Tourism Act of 2009.” The plan shall be implemented jointly with  
12 the Municipality of Samal, the local Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), the Bataan

1 National Park (BNP) and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority  
2 (TIEZA).

3 The DOT, in coordination with the Municipality of Samal, the PAMB, the BNP, the  
4 TIEZA and other concerned agencies of the government, shall identify well defined  
5 geographic areas within Pilis Falls ecotourism site and coordinate the integrated  
6 development of these areas for the optimum utilization of natural assets and attractions, as  
7 well as existing infrastructure and facilities; *Provided*, That the development shall ensure  
8 the preservation of the scenery and the historic significance of the identified tourist  
9 attractions.

10 **Sec. 4.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the  
11 DOT, in consultation with the Municipality of Samal, the PAMB, the BNP, the TIEZA and  
12 other tourism stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
13 proper implementation of this Act.

14 **Sec. 5.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the  
15 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
16 Appropriations Act and internally-generated funds of the DOT.

17 **Sec. 6.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations and  
18 other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed or  
19 modified accordingly.

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

22 Approved,