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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. _____

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAY 29 2017
Re : House Bill No. 5748
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 625
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Fernando V. Gonzalez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 625, introduced by Rep. Fernando V. Gonzalez, entitled:


AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOVELLAR IN THE PROVINCE OF
ALBAY AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

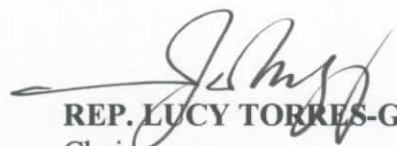
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 5748, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOVELLAR IN THE PROVINCE OF
ALBAY AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 625 with Rep. Fernando V. Gonzalez as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5748

Introduced by Representative Fernando V. Gonzalez

AN ACT
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AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Jovellar in the Province of Albay, famous for its
2 Sigpit/Quitinday Falls and underground river and caves, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone.
3 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), and shall be
4 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.
- 5 **Sec. 2.** The DOT, in coordination with the local government units concerned, the
6 Representative of the Third Congressional District of Albay and other concerned agencies of the
7 government shall, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare a tourism
8 development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
9 facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area: Provided, That said
10 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and the
11 indigenous flora and fauna therein. Further, the development plan shall include the formulation,

1 development and implementation of programs and strategies that will generate livelihood and
2 employment opportunities for the residents in the area.

3 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and
4 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall
5 also include the Municipality of Jovellar in all its national, regional and local promotion
6 programs.

7 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
8 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act and internally-generated funds of the DOT.

10 **Sec. 5.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof
11 inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified or amended accordingly.

12 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
13 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

14 Approved,