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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 279

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Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on _____
Re : House Bill No. **5794**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1015
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Frederick F. Abueg

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 1015, introduced by Rep. Frederick F. Abueg, entitled:


AN ACT
DECLARING GANGUB CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA,
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ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

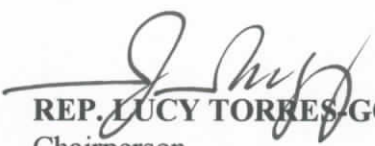
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **5794**, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1015 with Rep. Frederick F. Abueg 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. 5794

Introduced by **Representative Frederick F. Abueg**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Gangub Cave in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of
2 Palawan, is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, its development shall be
3 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

5 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in
6 coordination with the concerned local government units and agencies of the
7 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction,
8 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall
9 encourage 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.

11 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps in implementing the development
12 plan that will suit the natural characteristic of Gangub Cave, and shall incorporate the
13 same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also
14 include the Gangub Cave in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

1 **Sec. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
2 the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
3 implementation of this Act.

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

7 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts
8 thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

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

Approved,