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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 442

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on 10 OCT 2017
Re : House Bill No. **6585**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 615
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Geraldine B. Roman

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 615, introduced by Rep. Geraldine B. Roman, entitled:


AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI,
PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

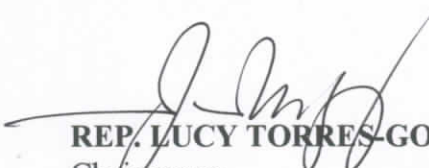
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6585**, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI,
PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 615 with Representatives Geraldine B. Roman and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6585

Introduced by Representatives Geraldine B. Roman and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles

**AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE
OF BATAAN 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. This Act shall be known as “*Tala Ecotourism Zone Act*”.

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

5 Sec. 3. Barangay Tala in the Municipality of Orani, Province of Bataan is hereby
6 declared an ecotourism zone. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism
7 (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism
8 zones.

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

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

3 The DOT, in coordination with the Municipality of Orani, the PAMB, the BNP, the
4 TIEZA and other concerned agencies of the government, shall identify well-defined geographic
5 areas within Barangay Tala ecotourism zone, which shall include the Bataan National Park and
6 existing infrastructure and facilities therein, and ensure the integrated development of these areas
7 for the optimum utilization of natural assets and attractions, as well as the preservation of their
8 historical significance.

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

12 Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT,
13 in consultation with the Municipality of Orani, the PAMB, the BNP and the TIEZA, shall
14 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

15 Sec. 6. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts
16 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

19 Approved,