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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 443

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on 10 OCT 2017
Re : House Bill No. 6586
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1065
Sponsors : Reps. Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1065, introduced by Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING MANOK MANOK ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESPERANZA,
PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6586, entitled:

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DECLARING MANOK MANOK ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESPERANZA,
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THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1065 with Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. and Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. **6586**

Introduced by Representatives Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. and
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AN ACT
DECLARING MANOK MANOK ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ESPERANZA, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **Section 1.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a sustainable and
2 effective ecotourism industry to attract tourists, both local and foreign. Towards this end, the
3 country shall rationalize all efforts pertaining to environmental protection and making the
4 tourism industry a major source of livelihood and an avenue for employment generation.
5 Aggressive measures shall be taken to restore the country's share in the Asian tourist market
6 which shall be consistent with the preservation of the existing ecosystem and natural
7 environment.

8 **Sec. 2.** The Manok Manok Island in the Municipality of Esperanza, Province of
9 Masbate, is hereby declared an ecotourism site.

10 **Sec. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, there is hereby created the
11 Manok Manok Ecotourism Governing Board, herein referred to as the Board.

12 The Board shall be composed of the following:

13 (a) The Representative of the Third District of Masbate, as Chairperson;

14 (b) The Secretary of the Department of Tourism (DOT) or a duly authorized
15 representative;

1 (c) The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) or a
2 duly authorized representative;

3 (d) The Mayor of the Municipality of Esperanza;

4 (e) A member of a non-government organization whose advocacy is environmental
5 preservation;

6 (f) A member of the academe; and

7 (g) A representative from the business sector.

8 The Board shall prepare the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation by
9 the local government unit of Esperanza of the provisions of this Act and shall, whenever
10 necessary, amend, modify or revise such rules and regulations to meet existing needs.

11 **Sec. 4.** The provincial government of Masbate shall provide a Secretariat for the
12 Board, including the necessary expenses for the performance of its official functions and
13 activities.

14 **Sec. 5.** Within four (4) months from the approval of this Act, the DOT and the DENR
15 shall develop a master plan to be approved by the President of the Republic of the
16 Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Board.

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

20 **Sec. 7.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or
21 unconstitutional, the remaining part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full
22 force and effect.

23 **Sec. 8.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and
24 other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
25 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

3 Approved,