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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 480

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on **21 NOV 2017**
Re : House Bill No. **6683**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3412
Sponsors : Representatives Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and
Vini Nola A. Ortega

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3412, introduced by Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega, entitled:


AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN, LA UNION AS A TOURIST
DESTINATION AND THE "SURFING CAPITAL OF THE NORTH", PROVIDING
FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6683**, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION A TOURIST DESTINATION AND
THE "SURFING CAPITAL OF THE NORTH", PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3412 with Representatives Vini Nola A. Ortega and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles as authors 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. _____

Introduced by Representatives Vini Nola A. Ortega and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles

AN ACT
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“SURFING CAPITAL OF THE NORTH”, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT
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 the “La Union, Surfing Capital of the North
2 Act”.

3 **Sec. 2.** The Province of La Union is hereby declared a tourist destination and the
4 “Surfing Capital of the North”. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department
5 of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned government agencies, and shall be subject to the rules
6 and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

7 **Sec. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with
8 the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Environment and Natural
9 Resources, and other concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan
10 involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and

1 infrastructure that shall develop and promote the beaches and surfing activities of the Province of
2 La Union, and ensuring accessibility and security of tourists thereat.

3 **Sec. 4.** The DOT, in coordination with other concerned government agencies, shall take
4 immediate steps to implement the development plan and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
5 developmental programs for the ensuing calendar year.

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

9 **Sec. 6.** Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation
10 with the local government of the Province of La Union and other concerned government
11 agencies, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
12 this Act.

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

15 Approved,

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