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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 541**

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on 12 DEC 2017  
Re : House Bill No. **6799**  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2735  
Sponsors : Representatives Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Eric D. Singson

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2735, introduced by Representative Eric D. Singson, entitled:


AN ACT  
DECLARING SANTIAGO COVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO,  
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING  
FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6799**, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2735 with Representatives Eric D. Singson 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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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           **SECTION 1.** The Santiago Cove in the Municipality of Santiago, Province of  
2 Ilocos Sur 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.** The DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units and  
6 agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the  
7 construction, installation and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure and facilities that  
8 shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
9 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

10           **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan  
11 that will suit the natural characteristics of Santiago Cove, and shall incorporate the same

1 in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include  
2 Santiago Cove in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

6 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the  
7 DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation  
8 of this Act.

9 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulation, proclamations, executive orders or parts therefor  
10 inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

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

13 *Approved,*  
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