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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 259

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAR 03 2020.
Re: House Bill No. 6448
 Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 672
 Sponsors: Reps. Sol Aragones, Isidro T. Ungab and Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 672, introduced by Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING KAPANGYAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6448, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING KAPANGYAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 672 with Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ISIDRO T. UNGAB
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6448

Introduced by Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

AN ACT
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BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE,
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THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Kapangyan Falls in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province
of Palawan is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be
prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
governing the development of ecotourism sites.

Sec. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in
coordination with the municipal government of Bataraza and concerned agencies of the
government, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing, among others, the
construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area: Provided, That said development
plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources
of the area.

Sec. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan
in a manner that will protect and enhance the natural characteristics of Kapangyan Falls,
and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing
calendar year. It shall also include Kapangyan Falls in all its national, regional and
local promotion programs.

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

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

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

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

Approved,