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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 450

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on AUG 27 2020
Re : House Bill No. 7533
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2096
Sponsors : Reps. Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Jumel Anthony I. Espino

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2096, introduced by Rep. Jumel Anthony I. Espino, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MOUNT ZION PILGRIM PARK AND BASAY FALLS BOTH LOCATED IN BRGY. LAGUIT PADILLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGALLON, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS ECO-TOURISM ZONES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY LAGUIT PADILLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGALLON, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7533

Introduced by Representative Jumel Anthony I. Espino

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

SECTION 1. Barangay Laguit Padilla in the Municipality of Bugallon, Province of Pangasinan, where the Mount Zion Pilgrim Park and the Basay Falls are located, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

SEC. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other 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 the development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.
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 its proper implementation.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,