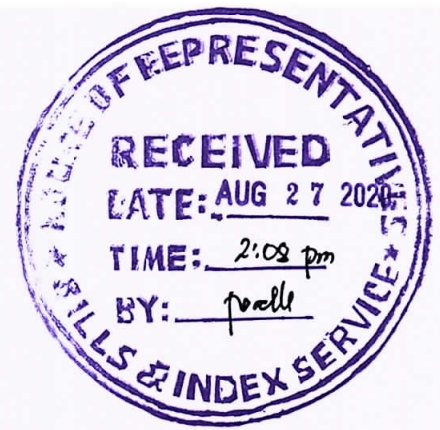


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 452

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on AUG 27 2020

Re : House Bill No. 7535

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2420

Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

Mister Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2420, introduced by Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar, entitled:

AN ACT

DECLARING MUDLOM CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, 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. 7535, entitled:

AN ACT

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2420 with Representatives Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar as author thereof.

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. 7535
(In Substitution of House Bill 2420)

Introduced by Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Mudlom Cave in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of
2 Palawan 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.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
6 with the concerned local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a
7 tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such
8 appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided, That*
9 said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty
10 and resources of the area.

11 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan that
12 will suit the natural characteristic of Mudlom Cave, and shall incorporate the same in its

1 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the
2 Mudlom Cave 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 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 of
8 this Act.

9 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof
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 a newspaper of general circulation.

13 *Approved,*