COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 586

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on
Re: House Bill No. 7983
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2095
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. 2095, introduced by Rep. Jumel Anthony I. Espino, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7983, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Tinakayanan Falls located in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan, 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 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,