



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7535

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG-ZALDIVAR AND CANAMA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 452

**AN ACT
DECLARING MUDLOM CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON,
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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,*