

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE KAPURPURAWAN ROCK FORMATION LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, A TOURISM
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 Kapurpurawan Rock Formation located in the Municipality of Burgos,
2 Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall
3 be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
4 governing the development of tourism destinations.

5 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination
6 with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the municipal government of Burgos and
7 concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan involving the
8 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to
9 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation

1 and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further,* That any
2 activity and development to be carried out in the area shall conform with the concept of
3 ecotourism as provided for in the National Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the
4 Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the DOT.

5 **Sec. 3.** The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the
6 development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Kapurpurawan
7 Rock Formation, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
8 calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the
9 Kapurpurawan Rock Formation in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

10 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
11 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
13 DOT.

14 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
15 consultation with the municipal government of Burgos and concerned government agencies and
16 stakeholders, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
17 this Act.

18 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent
19 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,