



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1951

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAKALURAN

AN ACT DECLARING THE DATABLAO WATERFALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN BARANGAY DATABLAO, COLUMBIO, SULTAN KUDARAT AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The Datablao Waterfalls and its premises located at
2 Barangay Datablao, Columbio, Sultan Kudarat Province is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism site. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations
5 governing the development of ecotourism sites.

6 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and
7 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the
8 government, shall, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare
9 the development plan involving the construction, installation, and/or
10 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall
11 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall

1 ensure the preservation of the natural beauty, ecological balance, and historical
2 significance thereof.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement said
4 development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall
5 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

6 SEC. 4. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and
7 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

8 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
9 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
10 in the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally generated funds of
11 the Department.

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

Approved,

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