



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

II. No. 6229

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABUEG AND ALVAREZ (F.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 925

AN ACT DECLARING MAINIT FALLS AND HOT SPRINGS AND
BAKBAKAN FALLS, BOTH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BROOKE'S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS TOURIST
DESTINATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT

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

1 SECTION 1. Mainit Falls and Hot Springs and Bakbakan Falls, both
2 located in Barangay Mainit, Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of
3 Palawan are hereby declared as tourist destinations. The development of these
4 areas shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be
5 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist
6 destinations.

7 SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the concerned local
8 government units and appropriate agencies of the government, shall prepare,
9 within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the development plans for
10 Mainit Falls and Hot Springs and Bakbakan Falls involving the construction,
11 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as
12 shall enhance tourism in these areas: *Provided*, That the development plans

1 shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural resources of these
2 areas.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps in implementing the
4 tourism development plans that shall suit the natural characteristics of Mainit
5 Falls and Hot Springs and Bakbakan Falls, and shall incorporate these in the
6 National Tourism Development Plan.

7 SEC. 4. It shall also be the responsibility of the DOT to promote
8 Mainit Falls and Hot Springs and Bakbakan Falls as tourism areas in all its
9 national, regional and local promotions programs.

10 SEC. 5. The DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
11 for the proper implementation of this Act.

12 SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or
13 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

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

Approved,

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