



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7508

BY REPRESENTATIVES DELOSO-MONTALLA AND NOGRALES (K.A.),
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 719

AN ACT DECLARING MT. PINATUBO IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the
2 policy of the State to promote a safe and sustainable ecotourism
3 industry to attract local and foreign tourists alike.

4 SEC. 2. *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Zone.* – The Mt. Pinatubo
5 in the Municipality of Botolan, Province of Zambales is hereby
6 declared an ecotourism zone.

7 SEC. 3. *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Governing Board.* – An
8 ecotourism governing board, to be known as the Mt. Pinatubo
9 Ecotourism Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board,
10 is hereby created. It shall be composed of the following:

1 (a) The Governor of the Province of Zambales, as
2 Chairperson;

3 (b) The Representative of the Second District of Zambales, as
4 Cochairperson;

5 (c) The Secretaries of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and
6 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), or
7 their duly authorized representatives;

8 (d) The Mayor of the Municipality of Botolan;

9 (e) A member of a nongovernment organization whose
10 advocacy is environmental preservation;

11 (f) A member of the academe;

12 (g) A representative from the business sector; and

13 (h) A representative from the private sector.

14 The Board shall promulgate the necessary rules and
15 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act by the
16 concerned local government unit, and shall, as the need arises,
17 amend, modify or revise such rules and regulations to meet the
18 needs of changing times.

19 *SEC. 4. Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Master Plan.* – Within
20 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the DENR shall
21 make an inventory of the existing flora and fauna in Mt. Pinatubo
22 that shall be considered in the preparation of a master plan for the
23 purpose of this Act.

24 Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of
25 this Act, the DENR and the DOT shall develop a master plan, to be
26 approved by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon
27 the recommendation of the Board.

1 SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DOT shall
2 include in the Department's program the implementation of this
3 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
4 Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

5 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations,
6 executive orders, presidential decrees or other issuances contrary to
7 or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this
10 Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions which are
11 not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

12 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
13 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper
14 of general circulation.

Approved,

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