



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7750

BY REPRESENTATIVES DELOSO-MONTALLA AND NOGRALES (K.A.),
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 743

AN ACT DECLARING SAGRADA FAMILIA CAVES IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, 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. *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Zone.* – The
5 Sagrada Familia Caves in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of
6 Zambales is hereby declared an ecotourism zone.

7 SEC. 3. *Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Governing Board.*
8 – An ecotourism governing board, to be known as the Sagrada
9 Familia Caves Ecotourism Governing Board, hereinafter referred to
10 as the Board, is hereby created. It shall be composed of the
11 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) A member of a nongovernment organization whose
9 advocacy is environmental preservation;

10 (e) A member of the academe;

11 (f) A representative from the business sector; and

12 (g) A representative from the private sector.

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

18 *SEC. 4. Sagrada Familia Caves Ecotourism Master Plan.* –
19 Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act,
20 the DOT and the DENR shall develop a master plan, to be approved
21 by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon the
22 recommendation of the Board.

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

1 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this
2 Act may be declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions
3 which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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7 hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

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