



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8724

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BY REPRESENTATIVES CAGAS AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1003

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AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY KAPATAGAN LOCATED IN  
THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR  
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. This Act shall be known as the "Kapatagan  
2 Ecotourism Act".

3           SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4 promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable,  
5 responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable,  
6 and equitable for local communities.

7           SEC. 3. Barangay Kapatagan located in the City of Digos,  
8 Province of Davao del Sur is declared an ecotourism site. As such,  
9 the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall prioritize its development  
10 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
11 ecotourism sites. The DOT shall likewise include Barangay  
12 Kapatagan in all its national and local promotion programs.

1           The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure  
2 and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), shall prepare a  
3 development plan that shall ensure the preservation and  
4 conservation of the natural resources of the area. The plan  
5 shall also include the construction and maintenance of necessary  
6 facilities to enhance the ecotourism area.

7           SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the  
8 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding  
9 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act  
10 and internally generated funds of the DOT.

11           SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,  
12 the DOT, in consultation with the Province of Davao del Sur and the  
13 TIEZA, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
14 proper implementation of this Act.

15           SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive  
16 orders, and administrative regulations, or any part thereof, which  
17 are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
18 accordingly.

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

Approved,

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