



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9004

BY REPRESENTATIVES KHO, BELARO AND SY-ALVARADO, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1182

AN ACT DECLARING THE LIMESTONE HILLS LOCATED
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AROROY, PROVINCE
OF MASBATE 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. It is declared the policy of the State to promote
2 a safe and sustainable ecotourism industry consistent with the
3 protection and preservation of the environment.

4 SEC. 2. The Limestone Hills located in the Municipality
5 of Aroroy, Province of Masbate is declared an ecotourism zone.
6 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department
7 of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, and shall be
8 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
9 of ecotourism zones.

10 SEC. 3. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act,
11 the DOT, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1 (DENR), and the Provincial Government of Masbate shall prepare
2 a master plan for the Limestone Hills.

3 Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
4 the DOT, the DENR, and the Provincial Government of Masbate,
5 in coordination with other concerned agencies of the government,
6 shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
7 for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

12 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
13 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper
14 of general circulation.

Approved,

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