



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 683

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MITRA

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### AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a  
2 sustainable tourism industry. Towards this end, the country shall rationalize all  
3 efforts pertaining to environmental protection and make the industry a major  
4 source of livelihood and an avenue for the generation of employment.  
5 Henceforth, aggressive measures seeking to restore the country's share in the  
6 Asian tourist market shall be consistent with the preservation of the existing  
7 ecosystem and natural environment.

8           SEC. 2. Pursuant to the public policy, the Province of Palawan  
9 including the City of Puerto Princesa, is hereby declared an eco-tourism zone.

1           SEC. 3. Any provision of this Act or part thereof that may be declared  
2 unconstitutional shall not affect the effectivity of the other provisions.

3           SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and  
4 regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall  
5 be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

6           SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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