HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7533

AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY LAGUIT PADILLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGALLON, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN 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.** Barangay Laguit Padilla in the Municipality of Bugallon, Province
2   of Pangasinan, where the Mount Zion Pilgrim Park and the Basay Falls are located, is
3   hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
4   Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5   development of ecotourism zones.

6   **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in
7   coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other
8   concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan
9   containing, among others, the construction, installation and maintenance of such
10   appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided,*
11   That the development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and
12   resources of the area.

13   **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism
14   development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
15   ensuing calendar year.

1   **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the

2   implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General

3   Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

4   **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of

5   the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper

6   implementation.

7   **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the

8   *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9   Approved,