

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7983

BY REPRESENTATIVE ESPINO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 586

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, 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.** The Tinakayanan Falls located in the Municipality of Labrador,
2 Province of Pangasinan, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development
3 shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

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

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

4 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
5 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
6 Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

7 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
8 the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper
9 implementation.

10 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
11 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

12 Approved,