

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7985

BY REPRESENTATIVES DELOSO-MONTALLA, ROMAN AND SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 588

AN ACT
DECLARING MT. PINATUBO LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, 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.** *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Zone.* – Mount Pinatubo located in the
2 Municipality of Botolan, Province of Zambales, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone.

3 **Sec. 2.** *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Master Plan.* - Within ninety (90) days after the
4 approval of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall
5 make an inventory of the existing flora and fauna in Mt. Pinatubo that shall be considered in
6 the preparation of an ecotourism master plan for the purpose of this Act.

7 Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the DENR and
8 the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall develop an ecotourism master plan, to be approved
9 by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Mt.
10 Pinatubo Ecotourism Governing Board.

1 **Sec. 3. *Mt. Pinatubo Ecotourism Governing Board.*** - The Mt. Pinatubo
2 Ecotourism Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, is hereby created. It shall
3 be composed of the following:

- 4 a) Governor of the Province of Zambales, as Chairperson;
- 5 b) Representative of the Second District of Zambales, as Co-chairperson;
- 6 c) Secretaries of the DOT and the DENR, or their duly authorized representatives;
- 7 d) Mayor of the Municipality of Botolan;
- 8 e) Representative from a non-government organization whose advocacy is
9 environmental preservation;
- 10 f) Representative from the academe;
- 11 g) Representative from the business sector; and
- 12 h) Representative from the private sector.

13 The Board shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations necessary for the
14 proper implementation of this Act by the concerned local government units, and shall, as the
15 need arises, amend, modify or revise such rules and regulations to meet the needs of changing
16 times: *Provided*, That the provincial government of Zambales shall provide a Secretariat for
17 the Board including the funding necessary to cover expenses for the performance of its
18 official functions and activities.

19 **Sec. 4. *Appropriations.*** - The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
20 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
21 in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

22 **Sec. 5. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act shall be declared
23 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
24 and effect.

1 **Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential
2 decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
3 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

4 **Sec. 7. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
5 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

6 *Approved,*