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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 254**

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAR 03 2020  
Re : House Bill No. 6443  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 671  
Sponsors : Reps. Sol Aragon, Isidro T. Ungab and Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 671, introduced by Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar, entitled:

**AN ACT**

DECLARING GANGUB CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA,  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING  
FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

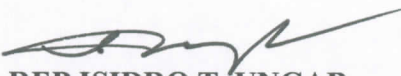
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6443, entitled:

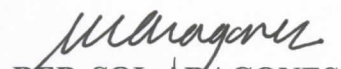
**AN ACT**

DECLARING GANGUB CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA,  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS  
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 671 with Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**REP. ISIDRO T. UNGAB**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

  
**REP. SOL ARAGONES**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 6443**

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Introduced by Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

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**PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS**  
**DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The Gangub Cave in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of  
2 Palawan is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be  
3 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations  
4 governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5       **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in  
6 coordination with the concerned local government units and agencies of the  
7 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction,  
8 installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall  
9 encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
10 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

11       **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan  
12 that will suit the natural characteristic of Gangub Cave, and shall incorporate the same  
13 in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include  
14 Gangub Cave in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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 the proper  
6 implementation of this Act.

7       **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts  
8 thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

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

*Approved,*