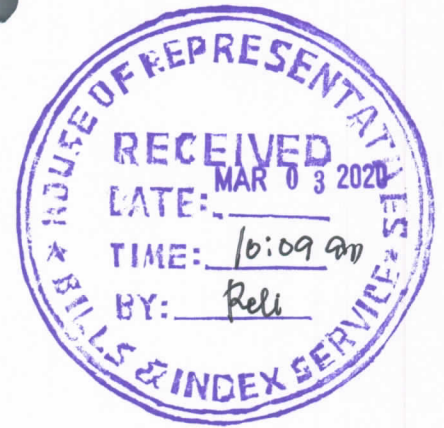


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 259

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on **MAR 03 2020**
Re : House Bill No. **6448**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 672
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. 672, introduced by Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar, entitled:

AN ACT

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


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6448**, entitled:

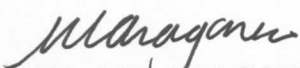
AN ACT

DECLARING KAPANGYAN FALLS 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. 672 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. 6448

Introduced by Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Kapangyan Falls in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province
2 of 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 municipal government of Bataraza and concerned agencies of the
7 government, shall prepare a tourism development plan containing, among others, the
8 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
9 infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
10 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources
11 of the area.

12 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan
13 in a manner that will protect and enhance the natural characteristics of Kapangyan Falls,

1 and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing
2 calendar year. It shall also include Kapangyan Falls in all its national, regional and
3 local promotion programs.

4 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program
5 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
6 General 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 the proper
9 implementation of this Act.

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

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

Approved,