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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 489

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on SEP 12 2020
Re: House Bill No. 7655
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1075
Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1075, introduced by Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE LUZON DATUM LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOPOG, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7655, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE LUZON DATUM LOCATED IN BARANGAY HINANGGAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOPOG, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1075 with Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7655  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1075)

Introduced by Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco

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

SECTION 1. The Luzon Datum, the geographical center of the Philippines, located in Barangay Hinanggayon, Municipality of Mogpog, Province of Marinduque, is hereby declared a tourist spot. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist spots. The DOT shall likewise prioritize the establishment of a tourist center in the area, to be known as the Luzon Datum Tourist Center, that shall showcase the historical significance of the Luzon Datum.

SEC. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan consisting, among others, the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall encourage tourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan

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shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and historical
significance thereof.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development
plan for Luzon Datum and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development
Plan.

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

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

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

Approved,