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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 627

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on DEC 04 2020
Re: House Bill No. 8139
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3917
Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Mercedes C. Cagas

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3917, introduced by Representative Mercedes C. Cagas, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING PASSIG ISLET OF BARANGAY BATO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AS AN AQUA-ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8139, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE PASSIG ISLET LOCATED IN BARANGAY BATO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3917 with Representative Mercedes C. Cagas as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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AN ACT
DECLARING THE PASSIG ISLET LOCATED IN BARANGAY BATO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "The Passig Islet Ecotourism Act."

SEC. 2. The Passig Islet located in Barangay Bato, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Davao del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall prepare a tourism development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance ecotourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of available assets and resources in the area.
SEC. 4. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Passig Islet in all its national, regional and local promotions programs.

SEC. 5. 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 shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the Department.

SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and the provincial government of Davao del Sur, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,