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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 657  

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on  
Re: House Bill No. 8204  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3648  
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. 3648, introduced by Rep. Mercedes C. Cagas, entitled:  

AN ACT  
DECLARING BARANGAY BALUTAKAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
BANSALAN, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AS AN ECO-  
AGRITOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8204, entitled:  

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DECLARING BARANGAY BALUTAKAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
BANSALAN, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM  
SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3648 with Rep. 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  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8204
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Introduced by Representative Mercedes C. Cagas

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as “Barangay Balutakay Ecotourism Act”.

Sec. 2. Barangay Balutakay located in the Municipality of Bansalan, 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 Barangay Balutakay 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 DOT.

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, 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,