Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 4717, introduced by Representatives Gil “Kabarangay Jr.” A. Acosta, Cyrille “Beng” F. Abueg- Zaldivar and Franz “Chicoy” E. Alvarez, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS PRIORITY CRUISE SHIP DESTINATION IN MIMAROPA REGION

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8205, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN A PRIORITY CRUISE SHIP DESTINATION IN MIMAROPA REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Respectfully submitted,

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

Section 1. The Province of Palawan, one of the major ports for cruise tourism in the Philippines, is hereby declared a priority cruise ship destination in the MIMAROPA Region.

As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing cruise tourism.

Sec. 2. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism master plan, to be approved by the President of the Philippines, including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance cruise tourism in the Province of Palawan.
Sec. 3. 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. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

Sec. 5. If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. 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orders, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.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. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,