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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 711

Submitted by the Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations on JAN 21 2021
Re: House Bill No. 8440
Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bill Numbered 1775
Sponsors: Representatives Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr., Eric Go Yap and Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1775, introduced by Representative Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE HINAKPAN MYSTICAL HILLS IN THE CITY OF GUIHULNGAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL MONUMENT, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8440 entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE HINAKPAN MYSTICAL HILLS IN THE CITY OF GUIHULNGAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL MONUMENT UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1775, with Representatives Limkaichong, Barzaga, and Yap (E.) as authors thereof.
Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

REP. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.  
Chairperson  
Committee on Natural Resources

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8440
(In substitution of HB 1775)

Introduced by Representatives Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr. and Eric Go Yap

“AN ACT
DECLARING THE HINAKPAN MYSTICAL HILLS IN THE CITY OF GUGHULNGAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL MONUMENT UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology. Towards this end, the State shall ensure the protection and conservation of the biodiversity, landscape, and the existing flora and fauna of the Hinakpan Mystical Hills, and to promote its biological, and socio-cultural significance to the people of Negros Oriental.

SEC. 2. Declaration as Protected Area. – The Hinakpan Mystical Hills is hereby declared a protected area under the category of natural monument pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586, or “The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act”, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038 or the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018”.

SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage. – The boundaries of the Hinakpan Mystical Hills Natural Monument are more particularly described as follows:

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a. The Core Zone pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, which is S 85° 18' 25" W, 3,549.926 meters from PRS92 NGE-63 with geographic coordinates of 10°9'55.45478" Latitude and 123°13'0.07351" Longitude located at Barangay Villegas, Sitio Ampul, Guihulngan City, Province of Negros Oriental,

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  thence N 84-59-54 W  1716.988 meters to corner 2;
  thence N 74-30-18 W  1836.587 meters to corner 3;
  thence N 23-50-41 W  538.646 meters to corner 4;
  thence N 13-10-0 E   598.106 meters to corner 5;
  thence N 55-58-10 E   560.586 meters to corner 6;
  thence N 14-32-9 W    982.593 meters to corner 7;
  thence N 53-27-8 E    780.505 meters to corner 8;
  thence N 35-6-5 E     795.034 meters to corner 9;
  thence S 87-12-56 E   1018.013 meters to corner 10;
  thence S 54-34-3 E    823.244 meters to corner 11;
  thence S 32-0-43 E    3460.966 meters to corner 12;
  thence S 63-20-1 W    1412.88 meters to corner 1,
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and comprises one thousand three hundred thirty-one (1,331) hectares, more or less.

b. The Buffer Zone pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, which is S 85° 18' 25" W, 3,549.925 meters from PRS92 NGE-63 with geographic coordinates of 10°9'55.45478" Latitude and 123°13'0.07351" Longitude located at Barangay Villegas, Sitio Ampul, Guihulngan City, Province of Negros Oriental,

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  thence N 84-59-54 W  1716.988 meters to corner 2;
  thence N 74-30-18 W  1836.587 meters to corner 3;
  thence N 23-50-41 W  538.646 meters to corner 4;
  thence N 13-10-0 E   598.106 meters to corner 5;
  thence N 55-58-10 E   560.586 meters to corner 6;
  thence N 14-32-9 W    982.593 meters to corner 7;
  thence N 53-27-8 E    780.505 meters to corner 8;
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thence N 35-6-5 E 795.034 meters to corner 9;
thence S 87-12-56 E 1018.013 meters to corner 10;
thence S 54-34-3 E 823.244 meters to corner 11;
thence S 32-0-43 E 3460.966 meters to corner 12;
thence S 63-20-1 W 1412.87 meters to corner 13;
thence S 11-13-19 E 41.971 meters to corner 14;
thence N 63-21-5 E 1469.971 meters to corner 15;
thence N 32-2-24 W 3513.272 meters to corner 16;
thence N 54-37-57 W 840.972 meters to corner 17;
thence N 87-3-36 W 1053.564 meters to corner 18;
thence S 35-4-26 W 811.003 meters to corner 19;
thence S 53-27-28 W 801.273 meters to corner 20;
thence S 14-33-6 E 981.275 meters to corner 21;
thence S 56-2-37 W 547.982 meters to corner 22;
thence S 13-7-8 W 628.032 meters to corner 23;
thence S 23-50-46 E 570.557 meters to corner 24;
thence S 74-31-0 E 1860.84 meters to corner 25;
thence S 84-59-11 E 1730.933 meters to corner 1,

and comprises fifty-nine (59) hectares, more or less.

SEC. 4. Management and Institutional Mechanisms. – A Protected Area
Management Board (PAMB) is hereby created to provide overall management of the
area. A Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) shall be established and shall
be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu). The composition of the
PAMB, its powers and functions, as well as the duties and responsibilities of the
PASu, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, or the
National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act, as amended by Republic
Act No. 11038 or the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within three (3) months
from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR, in consultation with the
local government units of the city of Guihulngan, the provincial government of
Negros Oriental, and concerned national government agencies, shall issue the
corresponding rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
include in the Department’s Program the implementation of this Act, the funding of
which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared
unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected shall
continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are
hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,