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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 837

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on [ MAR 09 2021]
Re : House Bill No. 8963
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2294
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred
House Bill No. 2294, introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MIGHTY CAVE PARK AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN
TAGOLOAN, LANAO DEL NORTE PROVINCE AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8963, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING MIGHTY CAVE PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2294 with Representative Mohamad Khalid Q.
Dimaporo 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. 8963
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2294)

Introduced by Representative Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

AN ACT
DECLARING MIGHTY CAVE PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Mighty Cave Park located in the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province of Lanao del Norte is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

Sec. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of government, shall prepare an ecotourism development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities that shall enhance ecotourism in the area. The said development plan shall be submitted to the Province of Lanao del Norte Tourism Council for approval.

Sec. 3. The DOT, in coordination with the TIEZA, shall take immediate steps to implement the ecotourism development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

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 shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the DOT.
Sec. 5. 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. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,