Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 4842, introduced by Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano, entitled:

**AN ACT**

DECLARING PEKKANG FALLS IN SINAIT; BECQUES FALLS AND ARISUDUSOD FALLS IN CABUGAO; PIKKANG FALLS AND TURTURAYOK FALLS IN SAN JUAN; PIMMADER FALLS, PIMMILOV FALLS AND ALVIN FALLS IN STO. DOMINGO; AND BURAYOK FALLS, NAGBALDI FALLS, MASUNGAD FALLS, PUNDO FALLS IN BANTAY; PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS ECO-TOURISM SITES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9275, entitled:

**AN ACT**

DECLARING PEKKANG FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINAIT; BECQUES FALLS AND ARISUDUSOD FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUGAO; PIKKANG FALLS AND TURTURAYOK FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN; PIMMADER FALLS, PIMMILOV FALLS, AND ALVIN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO; AND BURAYOK FALLS, NAGBALDI FALLS, MASUNGAD FALLS, AND PUNDO FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAY, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AS ECOTOURISM SITES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Tourism

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(In substitution of House Bill No. 4842)


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

SECTION 1. Pekkang Falls in the Municipality of Sinait; Becques Falls and Arisudusod Falls in the Municipality of Cabugao; Pikkang Falls and Turturayok Falls in the Municipality of San Juan; Pimmader Falls, Pimmilov Falls, and Alvin Falls in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo; and Burayok Falls, Nagbaldi Falls, Masungad Falls, and Pundo Falls in the Municipality of Bantay, all located in the Province of Ilocos Sur, are hereby declared as ecotourism sites. Their development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

Sec. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the provincial government of Ilocos Sur, Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), Ilocos Sur National Park (ISNP), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall identify well defined geographic areas within the declared ecotourism sites and coordinate the integrated development of these areas for the optimum utilization of natural assets and attractions, including existing infrastructure and facilities: Provided, That the
development shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the identified
etourism sites.

Sec. 3. The DOT shall prepare a development plan for these ecotourism sites and
incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. The
plan shall be implemented jointly by the provincial government of Ilocos Sur, PAMB, ISNP,
and the TIEZA.

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 after the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation
with the provincial government of Ilocos Sur, PAMB, ISNP, TIEZA and other tourism
stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
implementation of this Act.

Sec. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed and amended
accordingly.

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in the
Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,