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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 973

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on May 18, 2021
Re : House Bill No. 9364
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6503
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 6503, introduced by Rep. Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING MAGTAYOB FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9364, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MAGTAYOB FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY BUNOG, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, A TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 6503 with Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar 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. 9364
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6503)

Introduced by Representative Cyrille F. Abueg-Zaldivar

AN ACT
DECLARING THE MAGTAYOB FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY BUNOG, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, A TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Magtayob Falls located in Barangay Bunog, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Palawan, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned local government units and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural resources in the area.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Magtayob Falls, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the
approval of this Act. It shall also include the Magtayob Falls in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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 Department.

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. 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 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,