COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1001

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on May 26, 2021

Re: House Bill No. 9478

Recommend its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6232
Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap, Ria Christina G. Fariñas and Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 6232, introduced by Reps. Ria Christina G. Fariñas and Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING KAANGRIAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9478, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE KAANGRIAN FALLS AND ITS ENVIRONS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


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. 9478
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6232)


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

SECTION 1. The Kaangrian Falls and its environs located in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos 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 shall, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) 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 infrastructure and facilities to enhance ecotourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: Provided, further,
That any activity and development to be carried out in the area shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided for in the National Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the DOT and the DENR.

Sec. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Kaangrian Falls and its environs, 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 Kaangrian Falls and its environs 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, in consultation with the municipal government of Burgos, 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,