Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 6754, introduced by Representative Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING FUYOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK IN BARANGAY STA. VICTORIA, CITY OF ILAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA AN ECO-TOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 10454, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE FUYOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA. VICTORIA, CITY OF ILAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10454
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6754)

AN ACT
DECLARING THE FUYOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK LOCATED IN
BARANGAY STA. VICTORIA, CITY OF ILAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA,
AN ECOTOURISM 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 Fuyot Springs National Park located in Barangay Sta. Victoria,
City of Ilagan, Province of Isabela, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its
development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned
agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism
destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and concerned local
government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan
that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities
and infrastructure that shall 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 requirements of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act, as amended.

The development plan shall likewise be consistent with the Protected Area Management Plan prepared by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of the Fuyot Springs National Park.

A representative from the DOT shall be included as member of the PAMB of the Fuyot Springs National Park to address tourism-related concerns of the National Park.

**SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan 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 Fuyot Springs National Park 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.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 7.** All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,