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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

Seventeenth Congress  
Second Regular Session



**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 832**

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on AUG 28 2018  
Re : House Bill No. 8143  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4253  
Sponsors : Representatives Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, and Salvador B. Belaro, Jr

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 4253, introduced by Rep. Salvador B. Belaro, Jr., entitled:


AN ACT  
GIVING ROAD ACCESS TO ALL TOURISM SITES IN THE COUNTRY AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8143, entitled:

AN ACT  
MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO  
PRIORITIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO  
ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF ALL TOURISM SITES IN THE COUNTRY, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 4253 with Representatives Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Lucy Torres-Gomez, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Lord Allan Q. Velasco, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Vini Nola A. Ortega, Glona G. Labadlabad, Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera, Mark O. Go, Enrico A. Pineda, Michaelina Antonio, Carlos Roman Uybarreta, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Alfred D. Vargas III and as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

  
**REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 8143**

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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO**  
**PRIORITIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**TO ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF ALL TOURISM SITES IN THE COUNTRY,**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Tourism Sites Accessibility Act".

2 Sec. 2. Tourism is a proven income generator and as such deserves the support of the  
3 State. Thus, the implementation of the Convergence Program for Enhancing Tourism Access  
4 of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Public Works and Highways  
5 (DPWH) shall be prioritized.

6 Sec. 3. The DPWH is hereby mandated to ensure the construction of roads and  
7 bridges leading to all tourism sites in the country.

8 Sec. 4. The Secretaries of the DOT and DPWH shall include in the Departments'  
9 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual  
10 General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

11 Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in  
12 collaboration with the DPWH, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the proper  
13 implementation of this Act.

1           Sec. 6. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent  
2 with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

3           Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official  
4 Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

5           Approved,

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 8143

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HIGHWAYS TO PRIORITIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE THE  
ACCESSIBILITY OF ALL TOURISM SITES IN THE COUNTRY, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Introduced By: REP. SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR.*

*Committee Referral: TOURISM (Primary)  
Committee Chairperson: REP. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ  
Committee Referral: APPROPRIATIONS (Secondary)  
Committee Chairpersons: REP. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES*

**OBJECTIVE:**

- To ensure the accessibility of all tourism sites in the country through the construction of necessary infrastructure.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Mandating the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to prioritize the implementation of the Convergence Program for Enhancing Tourism Access by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the DPWH to ensure the construction of roads and bridges leading to all tourism sites in the country.
- Provision of funding from the General Appropriations Act.