

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8205

BY REPRESENTATIVES ACOSTA, ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, ALVAREZ (F.), ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.),
VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO, CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 658

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN A PRIORITY CRUISE SHIP
DESTINATION IN THE MIMAROPA REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Province of Palawan, one of the major ports for cruise tourism in
2 the Philippines, is hereby declared a priority cruise ship destination in the MIMAROPA
3 Region.

4 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
5 subject to the rules and regulations governing cruise tourism.

6 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
7 with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies
8 of the government, shall prepare a tourism master plan, to be approved by the President of the
9 Philippines, including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
10 facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance cruise tourism in the Province of Palawan.

1 **Sec. 3.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
2 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
3 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
4 Department.

5 **Sec. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall
6 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

7 **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
8 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

9 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other
10 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
11 amended accordingly.

12 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
13 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

14 Approved,