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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7388

By Representative Rodriguez (R.), per Committee Report No. 371

AN ACT DECLARING HULUGA CAVES 1 & 2, LOCATED IN BARANGAY INDAHAG, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AS ECOTOURISM SITES

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

SECTION 1. The Huluga Caves 1 & 2 located in Barangay Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City,
Province of Misamis Oriental, are hereby declared as ecotourism sites. Pursuant thereto, their
development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to
the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

SEC. 2. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the local
government of Cagayan de Oro City shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of

government of Cagayan de Oro City shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned 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 tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and

L	resources of the area:	Provided, further,	That the implementation	of the tourism developmen	nt plan

- 2 shall be included in the budget of the local government of Cagayan de Oro City.
- 3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the local government of Cagayan de Oro City in the
- 4 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
- 5 capacity building. It shall also include Huluga Caves 1 & 2 in its national and regional promotion
- 6 programs.
- 7 SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
- 8 budget of the local government of Cagayan de Oro City. The DOT may augment such allocation
- 9 with internally-generated funds.
- SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the local government of
- 11 Cagayan de Oro City shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
- 12 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.
- SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
- 14 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees
- and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed
- 17 or amended accordingly.
- SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
- 19 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,