



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 375

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AN ACT

**DECLARING MACAHAMBUS CAVE, LOCATED IN BARANGAY BAYANGA, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AN ECOTOURISM SITE**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Macahambus Cave located in Barangay Bayanga, Cagayan de Oro City,  
2 Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its  
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to  
4 the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5           **SEC. 2.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the local  
6 government of Cagayan de Oro City shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of  
7 Environment and Natural Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism  
8 development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such  
9 appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided,* That said  
10 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and

1 resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development 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 the Macahambus Cave in its national and regional  
6 promotion 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.

10 **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.

13 **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.

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16 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed  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

18 **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,