

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7557

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAFUERTE (L.R.), VILLAFUERTE (M.L.), HORIBATA AND ENCISO, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 434

AN ACT
DECLARING THE CALINIGAN MOUNTAIN RANGE, LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF LAGONOY, PRESENTACION AND GARCHITORENA,
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Calinigan Mountain Range located in the Municipalities of Lagonoy,
2 Presentacion and Garchitorena, Province of Camarines Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism
3 destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
5 of ecotourism destinations.
- 6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal governments of
7 Lagonoy, Presentacion and Garchitorena shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of
8 Environment and Natural Resources and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a
9 tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of
10 such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said

1 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and
2 resources of the area: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of the tourism development
3 plan shall be included in the respective budgets of the municipal governments of Lagonoy,
4 Presentacion and Garchitorena.

5 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal governments of Lagonoy, Presentacion and
6 Garchitorena in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical
7 assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Calinigan Mountain Range in its
8 national and regional promotion programs.

9 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
10 respective annual budgets of the municipal governments of Lagonoy, Presentacion and
11 Garchitorena. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally-generated funds.

12 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal
13 governments of Lagonoy, Presentacion and Garchitorena shall, in consultation with the DOT,
14 and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this
15 Act.

16 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
17 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,