



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7641

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAFUERTE (L.R.), VILLAFUERTE (M.L.), HORIBATA AND ENCISO,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 449

AN ACT
DECLARING PAG-ORING CAVES, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LIBMANAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Pag-oring Caves located in the Municipality of Libmanan, Province
2 of Camarines Sur, are hereby declared as ecotourism destination. 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 destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
6 Libmanan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan
8 that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
9 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
10 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the
11 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be
12 included in the budget of the municipal government of Libmanan.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Libmanan in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include the Pag-oring Caves in its national and regional promotion
4 programs.

5 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
6 budget of the municipal government of Libmanan. The DOT may augment such allocation with
7 internally-generated funds.

8 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government
9 of Libmanan shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
10 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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15 repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,