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H. No. 7688

By Representative Suansing (M.A.), per Committee Report No. 462

AN ACT

DECLARING COLOSBOA HILLS, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE NEW ZEALAND OF CENTRAL LUZON," LOCATED IN BARANGAY COLOSBOA, MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A TOURISM DESTINATION

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

SECTION 1. The Colosboa Hills, also known as "The New Zealand of Central Luzon,"
located in Barangay Colosboa, Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby
declared a tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and
supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing
the development of tourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of Cuyapo shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works and Highways and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*, further,

- 1 That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the
- 2 municipal government of Cuyapo.
- 3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Cuyapo in the
- 4 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
- 5 capacity building. It shall also include the Colosboa Hills 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 municipal government of Cuyapo. The DOT may augment such allocation with
- 9 internally-generated funds.
- SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government
- 11 of Cuyapo shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
- 12 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.
- SEC. 6. 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.
- SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
- 17 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,