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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Baguio City and Benguet Province have long been known as the summer capital and tourist haven of the Philippines respectively. During summer, one can be a witness to the influx of tourists, local and foreign alike, who take the 5-hour trip to enjoy the scenic spots up north. Needless to say, this activity contributes significantly to the economic progress of the city, province and even the surrounding localities.

Hence, the need to further develop these places into tourist hubs. This bill seeks to place all government cottages and rest houses in Baguio City and Benguet province under the management and administration of the Department of Tourism. This will allow the leases, sale and/or conversion of the said cottages/rest-houses in the said province into tourist zones, thereby giving a boost to the local tourism industry there.

Passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

PLACING ALL GOVERNMENT COTTAGES AND REST HOUSES IN BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET PROVINCE UNDER THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, ALLOWING THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE SAME OR THEIR CONVERSION INTO TOURIST PLACES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS

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

SECTION 1. The management and operation of existing government cottages and rest houses, including those owned by government-owned and controlled corporations which are located in Baguio and the Province of Benguet are hereby transferred to the Department of Tourism (DOT).

SEC. 2. The Subject cottages and rest houses may be leased or converted into hotels, lodging houses or tourist places for accommodation of foreign and local tourist.

SEC. 3. Within one (1) month from the approval of this Act, all government cottage and rest house in Baguio City and the Province of Benguet shall submit and inventory of the said assets to the DOT.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Tourism shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders and other executive issuances which may be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its approval.

Approved,