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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 235

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on JAN 30 2007.

Re : House Bill No. 574

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Gordon.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Tourism to which was referred House Bill No. 574, introduced by Representative Fuentebella, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING THE ISLANDS OF LAHUY, COTIVAS, GUINAHUAN, LUKSUHIN, MALIBAGAN
AND MASAG, OFF THE NORTHEASTERN COAST OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARAMOAN,
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS TOURIST ZONES"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

On page 1, second line, of the title, replace the word "Covitas" by "COTIVAS" after the word "Lahuy"

1. On page 1, delete lines 1 to 3, and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 1 which shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. THIS ACT HEREBY DECLARES THE ISLANDS OF LAHUY, COTIVAS, GUINAHUAN, LUKSUHIN, MALIBAGAN AND MASAG, OFF THE NORTHEASTERN COAST OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARAMOAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS NATIONAL TOURISM ZONES."

2. Delete the entire Section 2, from page 1, line 4 up to page 2, line 2 and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 2 which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 2. UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION RATIONALIZING THE NATIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM IS ADOPTED, THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES SHALL GOVERN THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THESE TOURISM ZONE:

A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, AND THE PARTIDO DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (PDA) SHALL COORDINATE IN THE FORMULATION OF A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOURISM ZONE: PROVIDED, THAT SAID

PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH, OR MAY BE INTEGRATED INTO, THE NATIONAL TOURISM MASTER PLAN OF THE DOT.

B) THE PLAN SHALL PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL FEATURES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TOURISM ZONE, WHILE PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

C) THE PDA AND THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITIES SHALL UTILIZE THEIR POWERS PROVIDED UNDER R.A. 7820, AS AMENDED, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, RESPECTIVELY, TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

D) THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, MAY PROVIDE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHILE ENDEAVORING, WHEN PRACTICABLE, TO PROMOTE THE TOURISM ZONES BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

E) THE DOT, THE PDA, AND THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITIES SHALL CREATE A FORUM BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS, CAN INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT SHALL ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURE OF TOURISM.”;

3. On page 2, delete Section 3 and renumber the succeeding sections accordingly; and
4. On the same page, delete the entire Section 4 and Section 5 and in lieu thereof insert a new sections which shall read as follows:

“**SEC. 3.** THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PDA SHALL ADOPT APPROPRIATE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.”

“**SEC. 4.** THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF COMPLETION OF ITS PUBLICATION.”

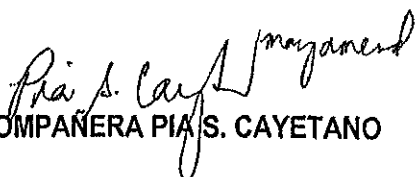
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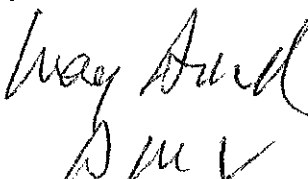
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 574

BY REPRESENTATIVE FUENTEBELLA

AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLANDS OF LAHUY, COVITAS,
GUINAHUAN, LUKSUHIN, MALIBAGAN AND MASAG, OFF
THE NORTHEASTERN COAST OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CARAMOAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS TOURIST
ZONES

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

1 SECTION 1. The islands of Lahuy, Covitas, Guinahuan, Luksuhin,
2 Malibagan and Masag, off the northeastern coast of the Municipality of
3 Caramoan, Province of Camarines Sur are hereby declared as tourist zones.

4 SEC. 2. The Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the
5 Philippine Tourism Authority and other concerned agencies of the government
6 shall, within one year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development
7 plan involving the construction, installation and/or maintenance of such
8 appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the

1 islands: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of
2 the natural beauty and historical significance thereof.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement said
4 development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall
5 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

6 SEC. 4. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and
7 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

8 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,