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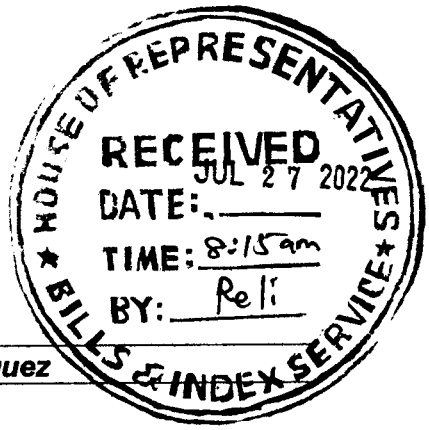

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. 2449

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Kalapat Cave in Barangay Dansolihon, Cagayan de Oro City as an ecotourism site.

Kalapat Cave is one of the tourist destinations in Cagayan de Oro City. Declaring the Kalapat Cave an ecotourism site will result in the development and improvement of the tourist site. It will also help the development of the local community.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
DECLARING KALAPAT CAVE IN BARANGAY DANSOLIHON, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Kalapat Cave Ecotourism Site. – The Kalapat Cave located in Barangay Dansolihon, Cagayan de Oro City is hereby declared an ecotourism site.

Sec. 2. Kalapat Cave Ecotourism Master Plan. - Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall develop an ecotourism a master plan subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites. Said masterplan shall be incorporated in the overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593. otherwise known as "The Tourism Act of 2009" and shall also include the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and facilities in the area: Provided, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the scenery and resources of the area.

Sec. 3. Appropriations. - The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

Sec. 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

See. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,