HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9550

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE DIBULO FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINAPIGUE, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Dibulo Falls located in the Municipality of Dinapigue, Province of Isabela, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year from approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and concerned local government units and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to improve the overall feature of the area, thereby ensuring the accessibility and
security of tourists: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
cconservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: Provided, further, That any
activity and development to be carried out in the area shall conform with the concept of
ecotourism as provided for in the National Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the DOT
and the DENR.

SEC. 3. The Department of Tourism and its concerned attached agencies shall take
immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan with due consideration to the
natural characteristics of the Dibulo Falls, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.
It shall also include the Dibulo Falls in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

SEC. 4. 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 shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
Department.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
consultation with the municipal government of Dinapigue, promulgate the necessary rules and
regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential
decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,