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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 256

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on MAR 03 2020,
Re : House Bill No. 6445
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 141
Sponsors : Reps. Sol Aragon, Isidro T. Ungab and Geraldine B. Roman

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 141, introduced by Rep. Geraldine B. Roman, entitled:

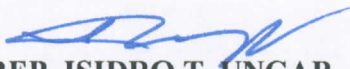
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DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF
SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECO-TOURISM SITE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6445, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF
SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 141 with Rep. Geraldine B. Roman as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. ISIDRO T. UNGAB
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6445

Introduced by Representative Geraldine B. Roman

AN ACT
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THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Pilis Falls Ecotourism Act”.

2 **Sec. 2.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry
3 that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically
4 viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.

5 **Sec. 3.** The Pilis Falls in Barangay Palili, Municipality of Samal, Province of Bataan
6 is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department
7 of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the
8 development of ecotourism sites.

9 The DOT shall prepare and incorporate the development plan for Pilis Falls in the
10 overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593,
11 otherwise known as “The Tourism Act of 2009”. The plan shall be implemented jointly by
12 the municipal government of Samal, the local Protected Area Management Board (PAMB),

1 the Bataan National Park (BNP) and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
2 Authority (TIEZA).

3 The DOT, in coordination with the municipal government of Samal, the local
4 PAMB, BNP, TIEZA and other concerned agencies of the government, shall identify well
5 defined geographic areas within the Pilis Falls ecotourism site and coordinate the integrated
6 development of these areas, including existing infrastructure and facilities, for the optimum
7 utilization of natural assets and attractions: *Provided*, That the development to be
8 undertaken shall ensure the preservation of the scenery and the historic significance of the
9 identified tourist attractions.

10 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
11 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

13 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the
14 DOT, in consultation with the municipal government of Samal, the local PAMB, BNP,
15 TIEZA and other tourism stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
16 for the proper implementation of this Act.

17 **Sec. 6.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations and
18 other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed or
19 modified accordingly.

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

22 Approved,