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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5332



Introduced by **Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to declare Mudlom Cave in the municipality of Quezon, province of Palawan as tourist destination. It is accessible to all kinds of vehicles and is thirty (30) minutes away from Sitio Balintang, Barangay Isugod, Quezon.

The Mini Underground River and water falls in the Mudlom Cave is more or less 4 kilometers away from the barangay hall of Barangay Isugod by trekking.

With Mudlom Cave being declared as a tourist destination and being covered by programs and projects of the Department of Tourism, it is certain that this wonderful gift of nature will realize improvement and be a potential source of income for its local government and the people residing within the area.

In view of the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable, and ethically and socially equitable for local communities, as declared in Republic Act 9593, otherwise known as "The Tourism Act of 2009", the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
DECLARING MUDLOM CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON,
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS TOURIST 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:*

1 **SECTION 1.** The Mudlom Cave is hereby declared tourist destination. As
2 such, it shall be accorded with priority development by the Department of
3 Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the
4 development of tourist destination.

5 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Tourism, in accordance with the local
6 government units and other concerned agencies of the government shall, within
7 one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving
8 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
9 infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in the area; *Provided*, That said
10 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural
11 resources of the area.

1 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps in
2 implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the natural
3 characteristic of Mudlom Cave and shall incorporate the same in its overall
4 development plans and programs for national implementation.

5 **SEC. 4.** It shall also be the responsibility of the DOT to promote Mudlom
6 Cave as tourism area in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

7 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Tourism shall issue such rules and regulations
8 as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

9 **SEC. 6.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
10 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
11 enactment into law and thereafter.

12 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or
13 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

14 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in
15 the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,