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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 357

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism and Appropriations on **March 28, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **9479**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2551

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and
Laarni Lavin Roque

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2551, introduced by Representative Laarni Lavin Roque, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING LAKE APO, LOCATED IN BARANGAY GUINOYORAN,
CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AN ECOTOURISM
ZONE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9479**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING LAKE APO, LOCATED IN BARANGAY GUINOYORAN,
CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AS AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2551 with Representatives Laarni Lavin Roque, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Junard “Ahong” Q. Chan, Rosalie Ang Salvame, Rommel Rico T. Angara, Jose C. Alvarez, Elisa “Olga” T. Kho, Dibu S. Tuan, Florencio T. Miraflores, Tsuyoshi Anthony “Hori” G. Horibata, John Geesnell “Baba” Yap, Caroline B. Agyao, MD, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Ronald V. Singson, Patricia C. Calderon, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Dale B. Corvera, Celso G. Regencia, Jane T. Castro, Alyssa Michaela “Mica” M. Gonzales, Binky April M. Tupas, Salvador A. Pleyto, Marlo C. Bancoro, Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez, Ferdinand “B1” L. Beltran, Niko Raul S.J. Daza, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Howard A. Guintu, Angelo Marcos Barba, John Tracy F. Cagas, Timothy Joseph E. Cayton, King Collantes, Antonino B. Roman III, Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., and Lordan G. Suan as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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(In substitution of House Bill No. 2551)

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AN ACT
DECLARING LAKE APO, LOCATED IN BARANGAY GUINOYORAN, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Lake Apo, located in Barangay Guinoyoran, City of Valencia,
2 Province of Bukidnon, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject
4 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Local Government of
6 the City of Valencia shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and
7 Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development
8 plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate

1 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
2 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the
3 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be
4 included in the budget of the Local Government of the City of Valencia.

5 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Local Government of the City of Valencia in the
6 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
7 capacity building. It shall also include Lake Apo in its national and regional promotion
8 programs.

9 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
10 budget of the Local Government of the City of Valencia. The DOT may augment such
11 allocation with internally generated funds.

12 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Local Government
13 of the City of Valencia shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
14 government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

20 Approved,