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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 386

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism and Appropriations on **June 1, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **9528**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1486

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and
Antonino B. Roman III

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 1486, introduced by Representative Antonino B. Roman III, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING PILIS FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALILI,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AN
ECOTOURISM SITE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9528**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING PILIS FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALILI,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AS AN
ECOTOURISM SITE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1486 with Representatives Antonino B. Roman III, 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, Laarni Lavin Roque, Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., and Lordan G. Suan as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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(In substitution of House Bill No. 1486)

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AN ACT
DECLARING PILIS FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY
OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Pilis Falls, located in Barangay Palili, Municipality of Samal,
2 Province of Bataan, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development
3 shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
4 and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
6 Government of Samal 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

9 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
10 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the
11 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be
12 included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Samal.

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Samal in the
14 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
15 capacity building. It shall also include the Pilis Falls in its national and regional promotion
16 programs.

17 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
18 budget of the Municipal Government of Samal. The DOT may augment such allocation with
19 internally generated funds.

20 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
21 Government of Samal shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
22 government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

23 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
24 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

25 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
26 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
27 accordingly.

28 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
29 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

30 Approved,