

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 4748

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to declare Kapangyan Falls in the municipality of Bataraza, province of Palawan as tourist destination. It can be reached by foot from the National Highway traversing Barangay Malihud to Barangay Rio Tuba, both in the municipality of Bataraza.

Currently, Kapangyan Falls can be reached by trekking the six (6)-kilometer trail of mountain slopes and ravines surrounded by green forest trees. The way to the falls is slippery to rugged. The area around the falls is slippery which is caused by showers of water, making the soil soft and mushy. The stones nearby are also slippery and are covered by moss.

The main falls is around twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) meters high with moderate volume of water displacement. Its main pool is around two (2) to four (4) meters deep.

With Kapangyan Falls being declared as a tourist destination and be 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 KAPANGYAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BATARAZA, 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 Kapangyan Falls is hereby declared tourist destination.
2 As 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 Kapangyan Falls 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
6 Kapangyan Falls as tourism area in all its national, regional and local promotion
7 programs.

8 SEC. 5. The DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for
9 proper implementation of this Act.

10 SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Department of Tourism shall include in the
11 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
12 be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
13 enactment into law and thereafter.

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

16 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

 Approved,