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HOUSE BILL NO. 5737



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Pagayawan Falls and its premises in the Municipality of Bacolod, Lanao del Norte as a tourist spot, to promote the area as a viable destination for tourists.

The Pagayawan Falls is a known tourist destination in Lanao del Norte for its natural beauty and magnificent cascading waters. The Pagayawan Falls is a series of mini falls studded with volcanic rocks before cascading to the main waterfall with a 25-meter drop.

The local government's initiatives to promote and develop the Pagayawan Falls has resulted to the continuing rise of the said tourist spot as a permanent place to visit in Lanao del Norte. With the enactment of this Bill, the Falls has the potential to become a prime tourist destination. As well as to further enhance its beauty without compromising its sustainability as an ecologically-sensitive natural site.

It is therefore the objective of this bill to declare the Pagayawan Falls as a national tourist destination, to promote a sustainable development of the area as well as further attract more tourists to visit the tourist spot and the Province of Lanao del Norte, and in turn create opportunities for the people to augment their economic needs. It will also encourage investors in the area and contribute to the overall development of the area.

In view of these premises, the prompt approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE PAGAYAWAN FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN
BACOLOD, LANA O DEL NORTE PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Pagayawan Falls and its premises located in Bacolod, Lanao del Norte Province is hereby declared as a tourist spot. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist spots.

SECTION 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities which shall enhance tourism in the area and submit the said development plan to the Lanao del Norte Tourism Council for approval.

SECTION 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the said development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

SECTION 4. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act, including the Feasibility Study, shall be charged against the appropriations under the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally generated funds of the DOT/TIEZA.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,