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EXPLANATORY NOTE

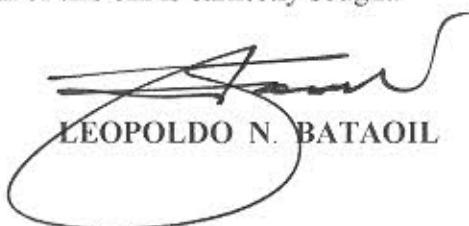
This bill seeks to declare the Tinakayanan Falls in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan as an ecotourism zone.

One of the finest attractions is hidden in the Municipality of Labrador, the "Tinakayanan Falls". The falls is still unblemished by human hands because its water is like a purified drinking water. Once near the falls, one can hear the thunderous roaring sound of water flowing and the chirping of the birds.

There is no road going to the falls and it can only be reached by following a trail. Ninety percent (90%) of the trail is accessible by bike.

The development of the Tinakayanan Falls into an ecotourism zone will generate economic growth by providing employment opportunities among the residents of the Municipality of Labrador. A road should be built for an easy access of tourists coming from different places to the virgin water falls.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Tinakayanan Falls in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared as an ecotourism zone. As such, priority development of the Tinakayanan Falls shall be made by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zone.

SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities which shall enhance tourism in the area: Provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance thereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Tourism shall take immediate steps to implement the said development plan and incorporate the same in the overall tourism development program of the Department for the ensuing calendar year.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Tourism shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount needed for the immediate implementation of this Act is hereby appropriated from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter sum as maybe needed for the continued implementation, operation and maintenance of the Tinakayanan Falls shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,