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HOUSE BILL NO. 7911

Introduced by Representative ALYSSA SHEENA P. TAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the significant factors in the development of municipalities and cities is the promotion of its tourism. Some benefits of tourism include improvement of accessibility through infrastructure, generation of employment opportunities and the increase on investment in the area. The overall economic impact on host communities changes the landscape of the lives of its people and encourage others to enjoy and appreciate these destinations.

The Municipality of Dinapigue in the Province of Isabela is a hidden paradise of the North and has great potential in being one of the leading eco-tourist destinations in the Philippines. The Dibulo Falls, located at Barangay Dibulo, approximately has a 100-meter drop of water with a 25-meter wide basin and 20-feet depth. The waterfalls can be accessed through an estimated distance of 3 kilometer rugged road trip from the barangay proper and a 500-meter hike. It is considered as a rising favorite destination for both the local and foreign tourists during the summer time. In 2018, a total of 1,870 visitors were recorded in the List of Tourist Arrival in Brgy. Dibulo, Dinapigue, Isabela.

This bill seeks to showcase the beauty of Dibulo Falls through the improvement of accessibility to this majestic site and to attract and cater to more Filipino and foreigner tourists while promoting for its protection and conservation.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING DIBULO FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINAPIGUE,
PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AS A 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 Dibulo Falls in the Municipality of Dinapigue, Province of Isabela, is
2 hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, it shall be accorded with priority development
3 by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies and shall be subject to the
4 rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

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6 **SECTION 2.** Within one (1) year from approval of this Act, the Department of Tourism, in
7 coordination with the the local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare
8 a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such
9 appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall improve the overall feature of the area thereby
10 ensuring the accessibility and security of the tourist; *Provided*, that the said development plan
11 shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the area;
12 *Provided, further*, that any activity and development to be carried out in the area must confirm
13 with the concept of ecotourism as provided in the national ecotourism strategy jointly issued
14 by the Department of Tourism and Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Tourism and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps
17 in implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of
18 Dibulo Falls in the Municipality of Dinapigue and shall incorporate the same in its overall
19 development plans and programs for national implementation.
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1 **SECTION 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of
2 Tourism, in consultation with the local government unit of Dinapigue, shall promulgate the
3 necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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5 **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of the Department of Tourism shall include in the Department's
6 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
7 General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the Department of Tourism.

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9 **SECTION 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, or parts thereof,
10 inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

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

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15 **Approved,**