

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

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House Bill No. 8272



Introduced by Representative Estrellita B. Suansing

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cuyapo is a quiet town in the northern part of the Province of Nueva Ecija. It boasts of hills and mountains that offer spectacular views for locals and tourists alike. One of the mountains of Cuyapo, Mt. Bulaylay, has been declared a tourist destination through Republic Act No. 11406. Recently, the local internet community has been abuzz as pictures of Colosboa Hills began circulating in social media. Dubbed as the Little New Zealand of Central Luzon, Colosboa Hills has been a favorite destination for locals who enjoy biking and hiking. As more tourists are drawn to the area, there is a need to ensure that the following are met: safety and security for the tourists, accessibility, and the preservation and conservation of the area.

This bill aims to declare Colosboa Hills, also known as the Little New Zealand of Central Luzon, located in Barangay Colosboa, Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija, as a tourist destination, mandating the Department of Tourism and its attached agencies, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, and in consultation with the local government of Cuyapo, to prepare and implement a comprehensive development plan for the overall improvement of Colosboa Hills to ensure that the needs stated above are met.

To be declared a tourist destination would likewise bring more employment and livelihood opportunities for the residents and shall greatly contribute to the town's socioeconomic growth.

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


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AN ACT

DECLARING COLOSBOA HILLS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LITTLE NEW ZEALAND OF CENTRAL LUZON, LOCATED IN BARANGAY COLOSBOA, MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, 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.** Colosboa Hills, also known as the Little New Zealand of Central
2 Luzon, located in Barangay Colosboa, Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of
3 Nueva Ecija is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, it shall be
4 accorded with priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and
5 other concerned agencies subject to the rules and regulations governing the
6 development of tourist destinations.

7 **SEC. 2.** The DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and
8 Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies of the government shall,
9 immediately after the effectivity of this Act, prepare a development plan
10 involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate
11 facilities and infrastructure that shall improve the overall feature of the area,
12 thereby ensuring the accessibility and security of the tourists; *Provided, That*
13 the said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of
14 the historical significance of the area.

15 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps in
16 implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the needs of
17 Colosboa Hills, also known as the Little New Zealand of Central Luzon, located
18 in Barangay Colosboa, Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija, and
19 shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans and programs for
20 national implementation.

1 **SEC. 4.** The DOT, in consultation with the local government unit of Cuyapo,
2 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
3 implementation of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program
5 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be charged against
6 the internally generated funds of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise
7 Zone Authority (TIEZA) and/or the appropriations in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act.

9 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

10 Approved,