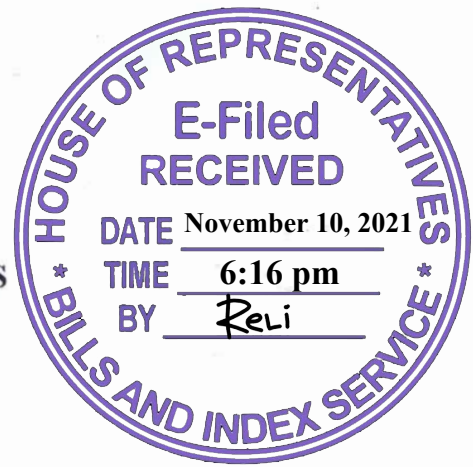


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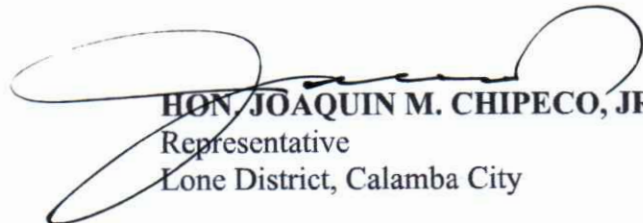
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Calamba City is considered the “Hot Spring Capital” of the Philippines. It offers excellent resort accommodations with modern facilities and amenities. Most of the resorts are concentrated at barangays Pansol, Bucal and Kalsada. Unknown to many, these places are also eco-tourism sites. Plant lovers would discover that ornamental gardens abound in these barangays, selling different kinds of plants, compost, fertilizers, pots, tools and landscaping products.

Although “Pansol” (among other places in Calamba City) has become a byword for hot springs, it never achieved its full potentials as a tourist spot due to lack of government recognition and support.

This bill seeks to address this historic neglect, first by giving due recognition to the Calamba hot springs as tourist destinations and second by mandating the government to plan and implement development programs in these localities. As one of the main drivers of progress, tourism will certainly be instrumental towards our economic recovery from the pandemic-induced recession.

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


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AN ACT

DECLARING THE HOT SPRINGS IN BARANGAYS PANSOL, KALSADA AND BUCAL IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Hot Springs located in Barangays Pansol, Kalsada and Bucal in the City of Calamba, Province of Laguna (Calamba Hot Springs) are hereby declared tourist destinations. As such, they shall be accorded with priority development by the Department of Tourism and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of a tourist destination.

SEC. 2. The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the local government units and other concerned agencies of the government shall, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in the areas; *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural resources of the areas.

SEC. 3. The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps in implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of the Calamba Hot Springs and shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans and programs for national implementation.

SEC. 4. It shall also be the responsibility of the Department of Tourism to promote the Calamba Hot Springs as tourism areas in all its national, regional, and local promotion programs.

SEC. 5. The Department of Tourism shall issue the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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

SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, executive order, rules and regulations, or parts or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,