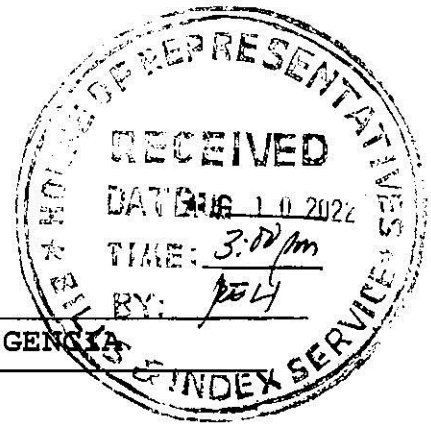


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative CELSO G. REGENCIA



House Bill No. 3472

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare Dodiongan Falls located in Barangay Bonbonon, Iligan City, Lanao del Norte as tourist spot and as eco-tourism site.

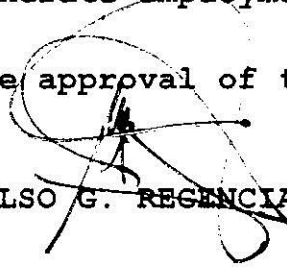
Known as Iligan's Angel-Winged Falls, Dodiongan Falls is a 20-metre high waterfall located in Barangay Bonbonon, 14 km away from Iligan City-proper.

Dodiongan Falls is a potential tourist haven and eco-tourism site for it offers various and wide variety of flora and fauna and challenging terrains, wherein tourist can enjoy eco-tourism activities such as, but not limited to, camping, trekking and bird watching.

It is known and had been observed that the current and flow of water is slowly decreasing due to unwarranted cutting of trees within the vicinity.

The declaration of Dodiongan Falls as tourist spot and eco-tourism site will help the conservation and protection of the waterfalls, and develop as well as manage the resources therein with proper guidance from the authorities. It will generate employment and bring in economic benefits.

The approval of this bill is respectfully recommended.


CELSO G. REGENCIA

Republic of the Philippines
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AN ACT DECLARING DODIONGAN FALLS IN BARANGAY BONBONON,
ILIGAN CITY, LANA DEL NORTE AS TOURIST SITE AND AS ECO-
TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. Short Title -- This Act shall be known as
"DODIONGAN FALLS ECO-TOURISM ACT"

SECTION 2. State Policy -- The State promotes tourism
industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible,
participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable, and
equitably beneficial to local communities.

SECTION 3. Dodiongan Falls Tourism Site and Eco-Tourism
Zone -- The Dodiongan Falls located at Barangay Bonbonon,
Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, is hereby declared as Tourism
Site and Eco-Tourism Zone. Its development shall be
prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be
subject to the rules and regulations governing the
declaration of tourism site and eco-tourism zone.

Section 4. Eco-Tourism Deveploment Plan - The DOT shall
prepare and incorporate the development plan for Dodiongan
Falls in the over-all National Tourism Development Plan
(NTPD) pursuant to Republic Act 9593 otherwise known as "The

Tourism Act of 2009". The plan shall be implemented jointly by the City of Iligan, the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)

Section 5. Development Plan -- The DOT, in coordination with the City of Iligan, PAMB, and TIEZA, and other concerned agencies of the government, shall identify and defined the areas, including its boundaries, within, and covered by, Dodiongan Falls Tourism Site and Eco-Tourism Zone, and implement the development of the defined area taking into account the preservation of its natural assets and scenery.

Section 6. Appropriations -- The Secretaries of Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall include in their respective department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall not be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act, and from the internally generated funds of the Department of Tourism (DOT).

Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations -- Within 60 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the City of Iligan, Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as well as other stakeholders shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Section 8. Separability Clause -- If any provision of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing clause -- All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, local ordinance/s contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified, repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause -- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or news paper of general circulation.

Approve on _____