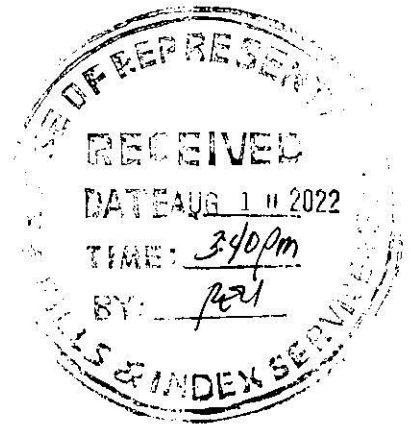


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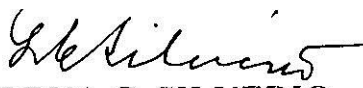
This bill seeks to declare the Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad (DRT) in the Province of Bulacan as an ecotourism zone.

Given its terrain of mountain ranges, tree-covered hills, kilometers of rivers, numerous springs, ponds and brooks, breath-taking falls and varied flora and fauna, the Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad (DRT) in the Province of Bulacan can truly be considered a natural ecotourism zone. The residents of the municipality are truly proud of their place which they consider a piece of heaven on earth.

The natural attractions of the place have drawn the strong interest and admiration of tourists from and outside of the Province of Bulacan. Many have come to visit and enjoy the scenery, bringing with them friends and families and other nature-lovers. So far, the most visited are the numerous waterfalls that are spread in various points of the municipality. And majority of the tourists camp out, swim and relax in the freshwater attractions.

But with other natural attractions in the municipality however, development is very much needed in order to balance it with sustainability. While roads have to be paved and developed, resort accommodations have to be built, related tourist-infrastructure constructed, all these must be cautiously done with ecological sustainability as foremost consideration.

And this could best be attained if there is an official declaration that the Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad is declared as an ecotourism zone. With these above-cited consideration, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD (DRT)
IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Short Title. This bill shall be known as Doña Remedios Trinidad as Ecozone Act of 2022.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the declared policy of the State to safeguard at all times the natural beauty of nature, ensuring its long term sustainability and putting in place safeguards for possible abuse and unchecked development. Towards this end, the State encourages all citizens to be responsible stewards of nature to ensure the next generations that will come after them get to enjoy and benefit from the abundance of natural beauty.

Section 3. It is hereby declared that the Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad in the Province of Bulacan as an ecotourism zone. As such, it is guaranteed protection from unplanned development and exploitation and only measures that guarantee its long term sustainability are to be implemented.

Section 4. Funding. The amount of Fifty Million Pesos shall be set aside for the purpose. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed, shall be included in the budget of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to be incorporated in the Annual Appropriations Act.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Act take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

