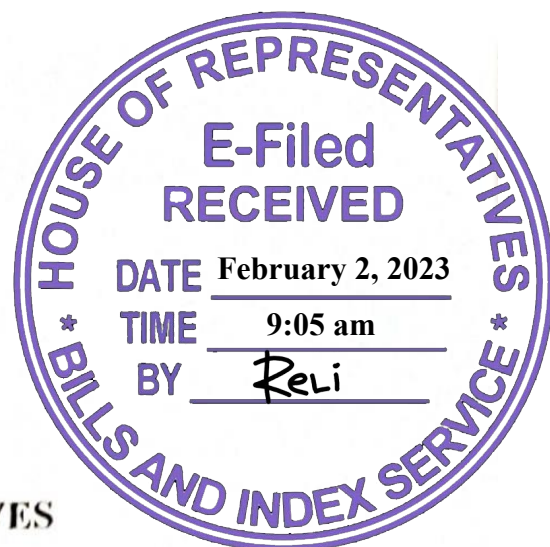


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Kurjanan Falls, located in Barangay Igsoro, Municipality of Bugasong, is home to crystal clear waters, and abundant natural resources. It has a huge potential for ecotourism activities. With the declaration of Kurjanan Falls as an ecotourism site, it would not only help in the preservation and conservation of its unique diversity but would also open up a lot of opportunities for its residents by way of livelihood and job opportunities.

In line with the policy adopted by its original proponent Senator Loren Legarda, this bill therefore serves as a refiled measure. It is for the reasons stated above that the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The Kurjanan Falls in Barangay Igsoro, Municipality of Bugasong, Province of Antique is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

SECTION 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

SECTION 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan that will suit the natural characteristic of

Kurjanan Falls, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Kurjanan Falls in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT.

SECTION 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

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

Approved,