



**Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7252



Introduced by Representative Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this bill is to declare the Kaangrian Falls and its surrounding area, located in the municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, an ecotourism zone. This declaration aims to promote the preservation of the natural beauty of the falls and its environs while encouraging sustainable tourism in the region.

Under this measure, the Department of Tourism will promote and regulate tourism in the ecotourism zone in coordination with the local government units. In addition, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources will also play a role in ensuring the protection and preservation of the natural resources in the area.

The bill mandates the establishment of steps and programs necessary for promoting ecotourism in the area while also requiring the development of sustainable tourism practices that prioritize the conservation of the environment. Overall, this bill aims to promote the sustainable development of Kaangrian Falls and its environs while preserving its natural beauty and protecting its unique ecosystem for future generations.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.

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AN ACT

DECLARING THE KAANGRIAN FALLS AND ITS ENVIRONS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, 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.** The Kaangrian Falls and its environs located in the
2 Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of ecotourism zones.
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7 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in
8 coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
9 (DENR) and concerned local government units and agencies of the government,
10 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,
11 installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
12 enhance ecotourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall
13 ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of
14 the area: *Provided, further*, That any activity and development to be carried out
15 in the area shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided for in the
16 National Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the DOT and the DENR.
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18 **Sec. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate
19 steps to implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural
20 characteristics of the Kaangrian Falls and its environs, and shall incorporate the
21 same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately
22 succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Kaangrian Falls and
23 its environs in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.
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25 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
26 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included

1 in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation
2 with internally generated funds of the Department.
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4 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall,
5 in consultation with the municipal government of Burgos, promulgate the
6 necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.
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8 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other
9 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
10 repealed and amended accordingly.
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12 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
13 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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Approved,