



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

**Nineteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7253



Introduced by Representative Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this bill is to declare the Kapurpurawan Rock Formation, located in the municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, a tourism destination. This declaration aims to promote the preservation of the natural beauty of the rock formation and encouraging sustainable tourism in the region.

Under this measure, the Department of Tourism will promote and regulate tourism in the destination in coordination with the local government units. In addition, the Department of Public Works and Highways will also play a role in constructing tourism installations in the area.

The bill mandates the establishment of steps and programs necessary for promoting tourism 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 Kapurpurawan Rock Formation 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 KAPURPURAWAN ROCK FORMATION LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, A TOURISM
DESTINATION, 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 Kapurpurawan Rock Formation located in the
2 Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared a tourism
3 destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of
4 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
5 of tourism destinations.

6 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in
7 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the municipal
8 government of Burgos and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a
9 tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and
10 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance
11 tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the
12 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area:
13 *Provided, further*, That any activity and development to be carried out in the area
14 shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided for in the National

1 Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the Department of Environment and
2 Natural Resources and the DOT.

3 **Sec. 3.** The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
4 implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural
5 characteristics of the Kapurpurawan Rock Formation, and shall incorporate the
6 same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately
7 succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Kapurpurawan Rock
8 Formation in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

9 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's
10 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
11 in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation
12 with internally generated funds of the DOT.

13 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall,
14 in consultation with the municipal government of Burgos and concerned
15 government agencies and stakeholders, promulgate the necessary rules and
16 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

17 **Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other
18 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
19 repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,