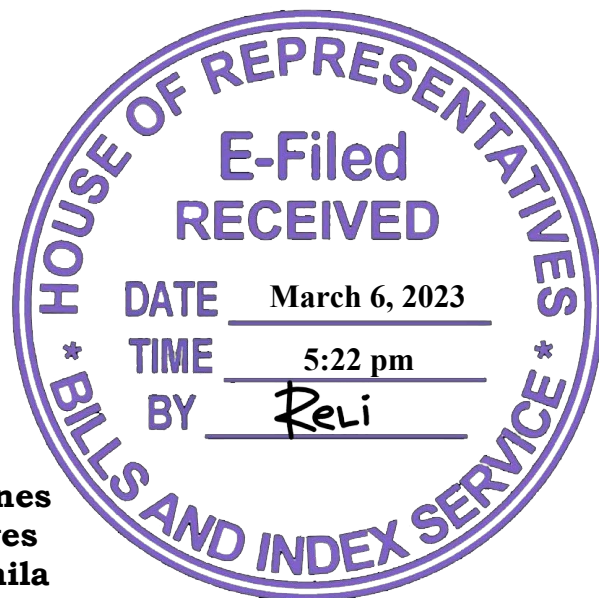




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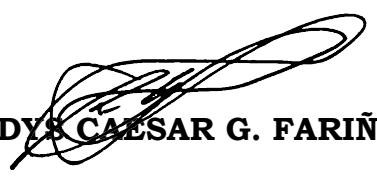
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to promote and develop the Cape Bojeador Lighthouse located in the Municipality of Burgos as a tourism destination to attract local and foreign tourists to visit and appreciate the beauty of the lighthouse and its environs. In addition, the law seeks to enhance the economic and social growth of the area by promoting tourism, increasing job opportunities, and improving the living standards of the residents of Burgos.

The declaration also aims to establish a sustainable and responsible tourism industry that contributes to the preservation of the local community's cultural heritage and traditions.

Overall, the declaration of Cape Bojeador Lighthouse as a tourism destination is a significant step towards the promotion and development of sustainable and responsible tourism in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, and will bring positive economic and social benefits to the area and its residents.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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AN ACT

DECLARING THE CAPE BOJEADOR LIGHTHOUSE 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 Cape Bojeador Lighthouse located in the Municipality of
2 Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As
3 such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
4 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
5 destinations.

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7 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in
8 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the National
9 Historical Commission of the Philippines and the municipal government of
10 Burgos, shall prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the
11 construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure and
12 facilities that shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
13 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance
14 of the Cape Bojeador Lighthouse.

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16 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take
17 immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan and shall
18 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year
19 immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Cape
20 Bojeador Lighthouse in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

Approved,