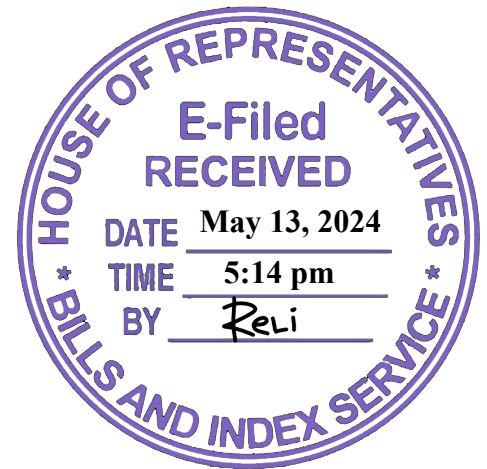


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislation proposes to designate the Ipa-ipa Falls and its surrounding area, situated in Barangay Capisan, Zamboanga City, as an eco-tourism zone. The objective is to enhance the preservation of the falls' natural allure and its surroundings, promoting sustainable tourism in the region.

Under this proposal, the Department of Tourism (DOT) will oversee and regulate tourism activities within the eco-tourism zone in collaboration with local government units. Moreover, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will ensure the safeguarding of the area's natural resources.

The bill mandates the implementation of programs aimed at promoting eco-tourism in the area, coupled with the adoption of sustainable practices prioritizing environmental conservation. Ultimately, the goal is to foster the sustainable development of Ipa-Ipa Falls and its vicinity, safeguarding its natural beauty and unique ecosystem for future generations.

Therefore, this representation seeks the approval of this legislation

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**AN ACT DECLARING THE IPA-IPA FALLS AND ITS ENVIRONS
LOCATED AT BARANGAY CAPISAN, ZAMBOANGA CITY, 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:

SECTION 1. The Ipa-Ipa Falls and its environs located in Barangay Capisan, Zamboanga City, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

SECTION 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of the this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and concerned local government units and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance ecotourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That any activity and development to be carried out in the area shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided for in the National Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the DOT and DENR.

SECTION 3. The DOT and its concerned agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of Ipa-Ipa Falls and its environs, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of

this Act. It shall also include the Ipa-Ipa Falls and its environs 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 General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the Department.

SECTION 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in consultation with the city government of Zamboanga City, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed and 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,