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House Bill No. 10870

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representative
EDUARDO “BRO. EDDIE” C. VILLANUEVA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad in the Province of Bulacan is a region endowed with significant natural beauty, diverse ecosystems, and cultural heritage, making it a prime candidate for ecotourism development. Recognizing its potential as an ecotourism destination, this bill seeks to officially declare Doña Remedios Trinidad as an ecotourism zone, which will pave the way for its sustainable development and promotion.

Ecotourism is a growing sector that offers a balanced approach to tourism, focusing on the preservation of natural environments while providing economic opportunities for local communities. By declaring Doña Remedios Trinidad an ecotourism zone, the government will be able to direct efforts toward its development in a manner that both promotes tourism and ensures the protection of its natural and cultural resources.

This bill mandates the Department of Tourism (DOT) to prioritize the development of Doña Remedios Trinidad as an ecotourism zone, in accordance with the regulations governing such areas. The DOT, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other relevant agencies, will assist the municipal government in crafting a comprehensive tourism development plan within one year from the enactment of this law. This plan will include the necessary infrastructure and facilities to boost tourism while safeguarding the area's natural beauty and resources. It is essential that this plan be integrated

into the municipality's annual budget to ensure its effective implementation.

Additionally, the DOT will provide technical assistance to the local government to enhance its capacity in managing tourism and will include Doña Remedios Trinidad in its national and regional tourism promotion programs. This support will be vital in positioning the municipality as a key ecotourism destination, both locally and internationally.

In declaring Doña Remedios Trinidad an ecotourism zone, this bill not only seeks to boost the local economy through sustainable tourism but also aims to protect and preserve the natural and cultural heritage of the area for future generations. The immediate passage of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration as Ecotourism Zone.** - The Municipality
2 of Doña Remedios Trinidad, Province of Bulacan is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism zone.
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5 Pursuant thereto, the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall support
6 and prioritize the development of the area subject to the rules and
7 regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.
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9 **SEC. 2. Tourism Development Plan.** - Within one (1) year after the
10 approval of this Act, the municipal government of Doña Remedios
11 Trinidad shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment
12 and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned government
13 agencies, prepare a tourism development plan which shall include the
14 construction, installation and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure
15 and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That said
16 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the
17 natural beauty and resources of the area; Provided further, That the
18 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
19 annual budget of the municipal government of Doña Remedios Trinidad.

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2 **SEC. 3. Assistance to the Local Government Unit.** - The DOT
3 shall provide technical assistance in tourism capacity building to the
4 municipal government of Doña Remedios Trinidad for the proper
5 implementation of the tourism development plan.

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7 The DOT shall also include the Municipality of Doña Remedios
8 Trinidad in its national and regional promotion programs.

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10 **SEC. 4. Funding.** - The funding for the implementation of this Act
11 shall be included in the annual budget of the municipal government of
12 Doña Remedios Trinidad.

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14 The DOT may augment such allocation with internally-generated
15 funds.

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17 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60)
18 days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government of Doña
19 Remedios Trinidad shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR and other
20 concerned government agencies, promulgate the rules and regulations for
21 the effective implementation of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act shall be
24 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected
25 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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27 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, rules, regulations, executive
28 orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
29 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
30 repealed or amended accordingly.

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32 **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
33 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
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35 Approved,