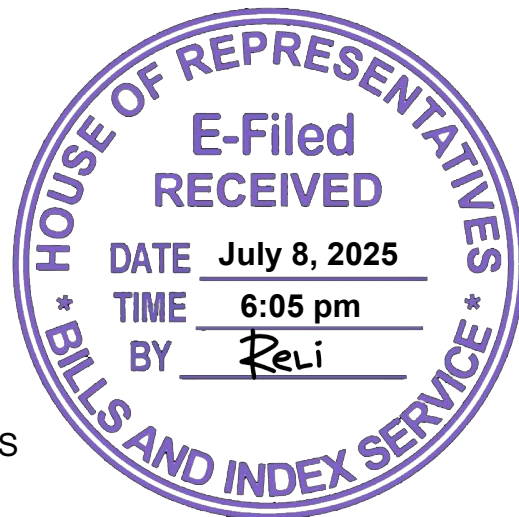




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to promote the development of La Concord Farm as a major agri-tourism destination in the region, as well as to provide economic benefits to the local government and its people.

La Concord Farm is a perfect example of how agri-tourism can help to promote sustainable agriculture and rural development in the Philippines. It is a model farm of an organic farming where every animal and plants are grown/raised organically and showcases new technology of animal raising. La Concord Farm, despite its potential, has yet to be fully recognized.

This proposed bill seeks to address this issue by promoting the development and promotion of La Concord Farm as a farm and agri-tourism destination. The bill seeks to encourage the growth of agri-tourism in the Municipality of Tarangnan, which will result in increased revenue and job creation in the area. By promoting the development of agri-tourism in the area, the bill aims to boost the local economy and provide new opportunities for revenue generation and rural development.

The bill will also help to promote and market La Concord Farm as an agri-tourism destination both domestically and internationally. This will include developing partnerships with other tourism stakeholders, as well as creating a marketing campaign to promote La Concord Farm and other agri-tourism destinations in the region.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING LA CONCORD FARM IN BRGY. MAJACOB, BRGY.
MANCARES, AND BRGY. BISITAHAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TARANGNAN,
SAMAR,
A FARM AND AGRI-TOURISM DESTINATION**

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

SECTION 1. *Short title.* - This act shall be known as the “*La Concord Farm
and Agri-Tourism Destination Act.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the
State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible,
participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable, and equitable for local
communities. To this end, the State shall endeavor to provide the proper mechanisms
and infrastructures for sustainable tourism development. It shall promote and develop
certain areas and sites identified as tourist destinations or attractions or having
potential for tourism to drive and propel inclusive growth throughout the country.

SECTION 3. *The La Concord Farm Agri-tourism Site.* The La Concord Farm in Barangays Majacob, Mancares and Bisitahan in the Municipality of Tarangnan in Province of Samar is hereby established as a farm and agri-tourism destination. Its development shall be incorporated in the Department of Tourism's (DOT) National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) successor plan for 2023 – 2028 and be jointly implemented with the Municipality of Tarangnan and Provincial Tourism Office of the Province of Samar. The construction and maintenance of infrastructure facilities in the area shall be a shared responsibility of the DOT and the local government unit with emphasis on sustainable development and resource management.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* - The DOT, DENR, DPWH, and LGU shall include in its Annual Investment Program (AIP) the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Samar Tourism Council, after due consultation with the DOT, DENR, DPWH, LGUs, and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity. Provided, That the law shall take effect after sixty (60) days with or without the IRR.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and issuances, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,