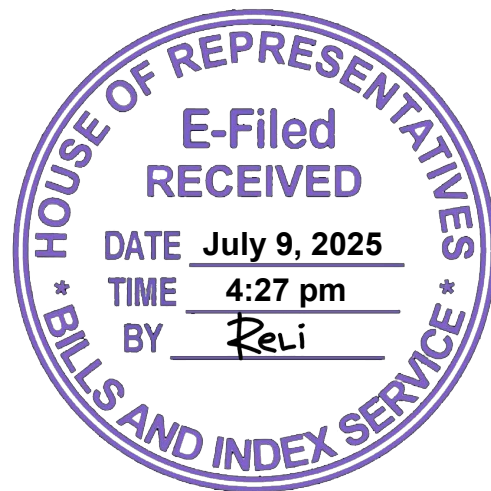




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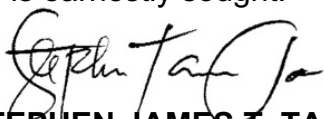
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Eco-adventure pertains to an environmentally friendly means of experiencing adventurous activities while enjoying the natural aesthetics of the environment. This is an effective way to highlight the beauty of a particular destination with very minimal trace of human disruption. While it encourages the utilization of the natural beauty of the environment for generating of economic opportunities in the locality, it also promotes the preservation of tourist destinations by spreading awareness to both locals and tourists.

The Bangon Falls and Nature Park located in Brgy. Tinaplacan, Calbayog City consists of a system of cascades in an ascending route that culminates in a large circular pool. Given the natural beauty of the falls along with the unique configuration of its terrain, the Bangon Falls and Nature park indeed has the potential to attract tourist who are seeking a one-of-a-kind adventure.

The declaration of the above-mentioned site as an Eco-adventure Tourism destination will surely promote an ecologically sustainable, economically viable, responsible and participative tourism in the City of Calbayog. As such, this bill seeks to declare the Bangon Falls and Nature Park in Brgy. Tinaplacan, Calbayog City, Province of Samar as an Eco-adventure Tourism Destination.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING BANGON FALLS AND NATURE PARK IN BARANGAY
TINAPLACAN, CALBAYOG CITY, AN ECO-ADVENTURE 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 “*Bangon Falls and Nature Park Eco-adventure 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 Bangon Falls and Nature Park Eco-adventure Tourism Destination Site.* The Bangon Falls and Nature Park in Barangay Tinaplacan, Calbayog City, Province of Samar is hereby established as an Eco-adventure 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 City of Calbayog 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,