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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Paraiso Ti Caribquib used to be a forest until it was developed into an eco-park in 2007. This became the home of the first ever zipline adventure in the Province of Ilocos Norte. It was envisioned to be an eco-tourism destination that would encourage exploration and discovery, social and cultural awareness, and environmental conservation.

For a few years, Paraiso Ti Caribquib became a tourist attraction in the Municipality of Banna. Further development of this eco-park, however, was halted due to lack of local funds and devastation caused by typhoons that led to its deterioration over time. Hence, this bill.

In line with the policy of the state to harness tourism as an engine of socio-economic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos, this measure seeks to declare Parasio Ti Caribquib in the Municipality of Banna, Province of Ilocos Norte as a tourist destination so as to ensure development, preservation, and conservation through appropriate funding and proper implementation of development programs.

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


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AN ACT

DECLARING THE PARAISO TI CARIBQUIB LOCATED IN SITIO DARAMUANGAN, BARANGAY CARIBQUIB, MUNICIPALITY OF BANNA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Paraiso Ti Caribquib, formerly a forested area which has been developed into an eco-park located in Sitio Daramuangan, Barangay Caribquib, Municipality of Banna, Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

SECTION 2. The technical description of Paraiso Ti Caribquib, being declared a tourist destination, are as follows:

LINE		Bearing	Distance (m)	Corner	Coordinates	
From	To				X	Y
1	2	N 06° 48' 16" E	149.3640	1	250469.59	1993345.89
2	3	N 56° 41' 18" E	166.6583	2	250608.87	1993437.41
3	4	N 20° 27' 17" E	189.3327	3	250675.03	1993614.81
4	5	N 38° 09' 42" W	121.3618	4	250600.05	1993710.23
5	6	N 32° 04' 01" E	129.3259	5	250668.71	1993819.83
6	7	N 45° 21' 36" E	158.9925	6	250781.84	1993931.54
7	8	N 88° 30' 49" E	262.7881	7	251044.54	1993924.72
8	9	S 63° 53' 58" E	197.0246	8	251221.47	1993838.04
9	10	S 54° 06' 01" E	139.3785	9	251334.37	1993756.32
10	11	S 22° 02' 27" W	198.4311	10	251259.91	1993572.39
11	12	S 52° 53' 40" E	301.8116	11	251500.61	1993390.31
12	13	S 22° 52' 04" W	420.3699	12	251337.02	1993003.08
13	14	N 63° 38' 51" W	187.3276	13	251169.16	1993086.23
14	15	S 47° 35' 58" W	195.0322	14	251025.14	1992954.72
15	16	N 75° 17' 30" W	177.3961	15	250853.56	1992999.76
16	17	S 85° 01' 49" W	177.5415	16	250676.68	1992984.38
17	18	S 33° 33' 53" W	206.8675	17	250562.31	1992812.00
18	19	N 47° 52' 11" W	311.3098	18	250331.44	1993020.83
19	1	N 34° 16' 34" E	213.8848	19	250451.81	1993197.57

The Tie line is N 81-19-47 E, 2503.71 meters from ILN-3279, Brgy. Barbarangay, Banna, Ilocos Norte (249066.49, 1993131.93) to corner 1

SECTION 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with 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 encourage ecotourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

SECTION 4. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with due consideration the natural characteristics of the Paraiso Ti Caribquib, 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 Paraiso Ti Caribquib in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

SECTION 5. 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 annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the Department.

SECTION 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,