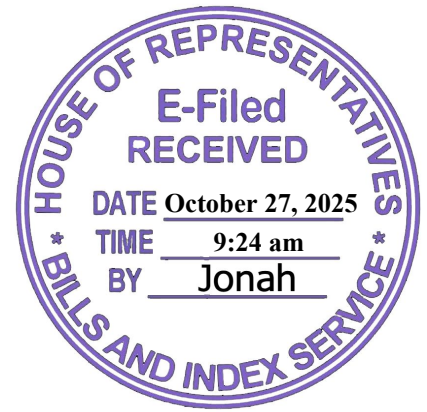


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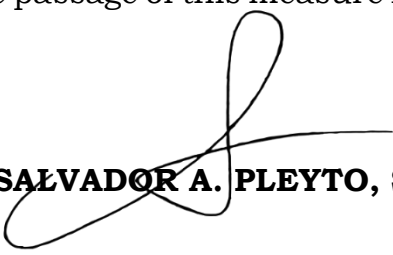
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Maramo section of the Angat river system is located in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Province of Bulacan. It is an ideal tourist destination because of the awe-inspiring views of surrounding rock boulders within and outside of its clear turquoise waters. Comparable to the majestic landscape and seascape views of El Nido in Palawan, this river section offers a range of activities to visitors

The tourism industry around the globe is expanding rapidly and the trends are extremely changing. This industry has a potential to stimulate the economy and accelerate growth of the local communities by generating employment opportunities that will result in revenue generation.

This bill therefore seeks to declare the Maramo section of the Angat river system in Brgy. San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan an ecotourism destination. Developing this river section into an ecotourism zone will encourage investments from local and foreign stakeholders. It will generate employment opportunities for local residents that will translate to economic advancement in the area.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE MARAMO SECTION OF THE ANGAT RIVER
SYSTEM LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN MATEO, MUNICIPALITY OF
NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION**

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

SECTION 1. *Creation*– A new ecotourism destination called the “Maramo Nature Reserve” is hereby created in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Bulacan.

SEC. 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 all local communities

SEC. 3. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities* – Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of Norzagaray shall, in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned 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 tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

SEC. 4. *Funding* – The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the municipal government of Norzagaray. The DOT may augment such funding requirements with internally-generated funds.

SEC. 5. *Rules and Regulations* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government of Norzagaray, in consultation with the DOT and other concerned agencies of the government, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,