



Republic of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6336**



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**Introduced by Representative Carlos Andes Loria**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave in the Municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay a tourist destination, provide for its development, and appropriate funds therefor.

Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave, located in the Municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay, is one of the Bicol Region's most notable natural and cultural attractions. Its name is derived from the Bicolano word "*hoyop*," meaning "blow," referring to the cool natural breeze that flows through its chambers. The cave is widely known for its unique rock formations, natural wind passages, and archaeological artifacts that provide insight into the region's early human settlements and cultural heritage.

For decades, Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave has also served as a refuge and gathering place for local communities, further emphasizing its historical and cultural value. Despite its significance and popularity among visitors, the area remains insufficiently developed to support safe, sustainable, and well-managed tourism activities. Limited access infrastructure, the absence of adequate visitor facilities, and the need for stronger environmental safeguards demonstrate the necessity for a coordinated development approach.

This bill aims to declare Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave as an official tourist destination and mandate the preparation of a tourism development plan by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Department of Public

Works and Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Municipal Government of Camalig and Provincial Government of Albay. Through this measure, the government can ensure that development efforts prioritize environmental protection, cultural preservation, and the construction and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure and facilities to responsibly enhance tourism in the area.

The passage of this bill will support the sustainable management of Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave, generate economic opportunities for the local community, and preserve one of Albay's most iconic natural landmarks for future generations.

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

  
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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING HOYOP-HOYOPAN CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
CAMALIG, PROVINCE OF ALBAY A TOURIST 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 Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave located in the Municipality of  
Camalig, Province of Albay, is declared a tourist destination. Its development  
shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules  
and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall,  
in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH),  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Municipal  
Government of Camalig and Provincial Government of Albay, prepare a

1 tourism development plan that includes the construction, installation, and  
2 maintenance of appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in  
3 the area and ensure its accessibility and security of tourists: *Provided*, That the  
4 development plan shall also ensure the preservation and conservation of the  
5 natural beauty, geological features, and resources of Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave.

6 SEC. 3. The DOT, DPWH, DENR, and other concerned agencies shall  
7 take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan with due  
8 consideration to the natural characteristics of Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave and  
9 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing  
10 calendar year. It shall also include the Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave in its  
11 international, national, regional and local promotion program.

12 SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this  
13 Act shall be charged against the annual appropriations of DOT in the General  
14 Appropriations Act and its internally generated funds. The Municipal  
15 Government of Camalig and Provincial Government of Albay may appropriate  
16 for the development of Hoyop-Hoyopan Cave with the approval of their  
17 respective *Sanggunian*.

18 SEC. 5. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or  
19 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended,  
20 or revised accordingly.

21 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
22 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

1      **Approved,**