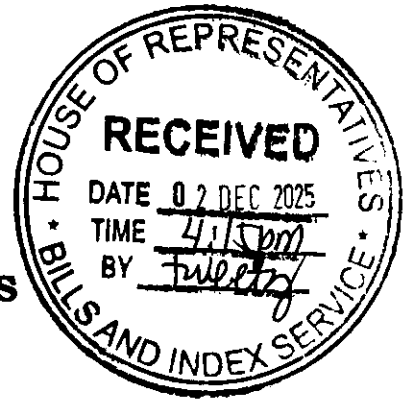


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. 6560

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Introduced by Representative **MARIA VANESSA C. AUMENTADO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare the Municipality of Ubay in the Province of Bohol as the "Farm Tourism Destination Capital of Bohol". This bill, which seeks to boost farm tourism in the Philippines, recognizes that tourism can enhance the importance of agriculture and cultural development of the country.

Under Republic Act No. 10816, otherwise known as "Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016", farm tourism or agri-tourism, is the practice of attracting visitors and tourists to farm areas for production, education and recreational purposes. It involves any agricultural or fishery-based operation or activity that brings to a farm any visitors, tourists, farmers and fisherfolks who wanted to be educated and be trained on farming or related activities; likewise, it provides venue for outdoor recreation and accessible family outings. Farm tourism also serves as the catalyst for the development of agriculture and fishery communities, and provides additional income for farmers, farmworkers, and fisherfolks.

Ubay is best suited to become a farm tourism destination capital considering its various agricultural facilities and farm infrastructures. It is a first-class municipality, which has the largest land area and the most populated town in Bohol. The municipality offers several attractions, farm destinations and relevant points of interest, to include:

- 1) *Ubay Stock Farm* - the largest and oldest government livestock facility in the Philippines. It was chosen by the Department of Agriculture as one of the accredited livestock technology training facilities in the Visayas and Mindanao.

- 2) *Ubay Agri-Park* - first of its kind in the Visayas, which was launched to boost agriculture and tourism industries in the area. The said agri-park showcases Bohol's advances in farm technology.
- 3) *Sinandigan Multi-Species Hatchery* - a fishery infrastructure and mariculture park which is the biggest multi-species hatchery in the Philippines. It was established to enable the farmers to become totally independent from wild stocks in order to promote a more stable food security for the province. The facility produces fingerlings of various fishes such as milkfish (bangus), groupers (lapu-lapu) and siganids (kitong-dangit). It also houses a seaweed tissue culture laboratory which aims to rehabilitate quality seagrass planting materials using tissue culture laboratory in order to rehabilitate seagrass planting materials using tissue branch culture, spore shredding and callus cell culture.
- 4) *Ubay Green Park and Techno Center* - which used to be an open dumpsite converted into an ecological facility where boats of sprawling flowers and fruit gardens are a sight to behold. On top of the hill of Ubay Green Park and Techno Center, its viewpoint offers a raw view of mother nature, which greenery, gives off a calming effect and relaxing vibe.

Relevant to the vision of promoting economic and cultural development by integrating tourism with agriculture, it is appropriate that the Municipality of Ubay be declared as the "Farm Tourism Destination Capital of Bohol". This is a refiled bill that was approved on third reading during the Eighteenth Congress.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY IN THE PROVINCE**  
**OF BOHOL AS THE FARM DESTINATION CAPITAL OF BOHOL**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Ubay in the Province of Bohol is hereby declared the farm tourism destination capital of Bohol. Accredited farm tourism destinations in the Municipality of Ubay may avail of the privileges and benefits provided under Republic Act No. 10816, otherwise known as the “Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016.”

**SECTION 2.** The Municipality of Ubay shall coordinate with the Department of Tourism, the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture in the prioritization of infrastructure projects that will promote farm tourism in the Municipality of Ubay in accordance with the provisions of “Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016”.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved.*