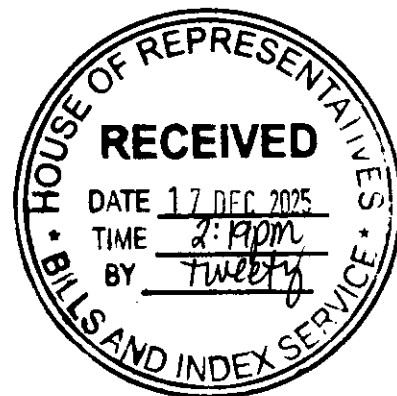




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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6944



Introduced by Representative Carlos Andes Loria

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare Quituinan Hill in the Municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay an ecotourism site, provide for its development, and appropriate funds therefor.

Quituinan Hill, located in the Municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay, is a naturally endowed vantage point offering panoramic views of Mayon Volcano and the surrounding landscape. Its lush greenery, tranquil atmosphere, and accessible terrain make it a favored destination for families, nature enthusiasts, and visitors seeking outdoor recreation. The site also holds historical significance, with remnants of Japanese tunnels providing a glimpse into the area's World War II past.

Recognized as a "hidden gem" by local tourists, Quituinan Hill presents strong potential for sustainable ecotourism development. Its open and scenic spaces are ideal for low-impact activities such as picnics, photography, kite-flying, and short beginner-friendly hikes. These activities may be enhanced through proper infrastructure and environmental management. Despite its growing popularity, the area remains serene and largely uncrowded, underscoring the need for a structured development plan that balances accessibility with conservation.

Declaring Quituinan Hill as an ecotourism site will enable the national and local governments to safeguard its natural features while promoting responsible

tourism that can generate livelihood opportunities for the people of Camalig and the Province of Albay. This measure supports the national policy of fostering ecotourism as a driver of inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

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



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AN ACT

**DECLARING QUITUINAN HILL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CAMALIG, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AN ECOTOURISM SITE,
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 Quituinan Hill located in the Municipality of Camalig,
Province of Albay, is declared an ecotourism site. 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 tourism
development plan that includes the construction, installation, and maintenance of

1 appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area and ensure
2 its accessibility and security of tourists: *Provided*, That the development plan
3 shall also ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty,
4 geological features, and resources of Quituinan Hill.

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

11 SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act
12 shall be charged against the annual appropriations of DOT in the General
13 Appropriations Act and its internally generated funds. The Municipal
14 Government of Camalig and Provincial Government of Albay may appropriate
15 funds for the development of Quituinan Hill in their annual budget, subject to the
16 approval of their respective *Sanggunian*.

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

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

22 Approved,