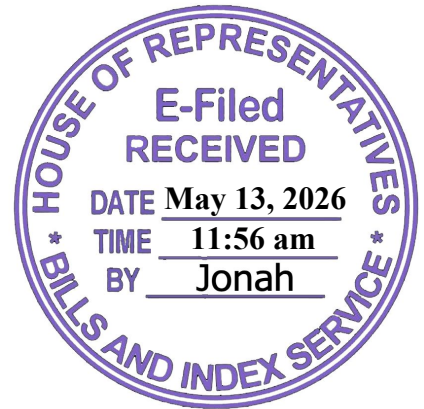




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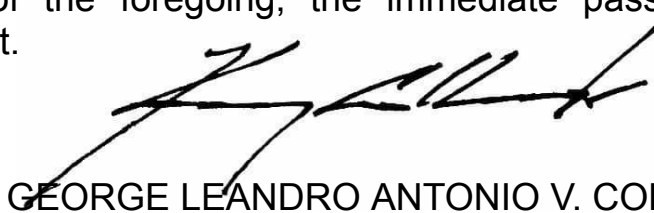
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Cuenca in the Province of Batangas is home to several natural attractions that contribute to the province's growing eco-tourism industry. Among these is the Lumampao View Deck located in Barangay Don Juan, a scenic destination known for its panoramic landscapes in magnificent view of the Taal lake and Mt. Maculot, cool mountain atmosphere, and peaceful environment that provide opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and outdoor activities for both residents and visitors.

As tourism continues to play a vital role in local economic development, there is a need to strengthen and institutionalize government support for emerging eco-tourism destinations such as the Lumampao View Deck. Declaring the area as an official tourism site will encourage sustainable development, improve accessibility and infrastructure, generate employment and livelihood opportunities for local communities, and promote Cuenca as a family-friendly and environmentally responsible destination in Batangas.

This measure seeks to declare the Lumampao View Deck as a tourism site. This bill ensures that tourism development in the area shall be undertaken in a manner that preserves its natural beauty and ecological integrity through coordinated planning among the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and the local government unit of Cuenca, Batangas.

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



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AN ACT
DECLARING THE LUMAMPAO VIEW DECK IN BARANGAY DON JUAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF CUENCA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AS AN
ECOTOURISM SITE

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as “Lumampao Eco-tourism Site Act.”

SEC. 2. *Tourism Site.* - The Lumampao Viewdeck in Barangay Don Juan, Municipality of Cuenca, Province of Batangas is hereby declared as an eco-tourism site. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites.

SEC. 3. *Development Plan.* - The DOT, coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of government shall, within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure

as shall enhance tourism in said area, provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and recreational significance of the area.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Agency.* - The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement said development plan with the Municipal Government of Cuenca and shall incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the year following the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with relevant local government units, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended 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,