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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. **5690**

Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D. AGABAS**

AN ACT
DECLARING DIKET FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN,
PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING
FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature (Section 16, Article II, 1987 Constitution).


This bill seeks to declare the "Diket falls" as an ecotourism destination in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan.

The Diket Falls is a perfect spot for ecotourist. It is an approximately one-hour hike to thus waterfall which offers a good glimpse of the different sections of Caraballo Mountain Range. Hikers will naturally fall in love to the verdant forest park lined up with rocky river beds and small streams. Any person who loves ecotourism will be immersed in nature in a way that most people cannot enjoy in urban existence bringing with him an experience attached to a natural environment. At the end of the trail, hikers can enjoy a fresh dip into a wide pool of the Diket Falls, or make an adventurous climb to the top of the waterfall through the roots of sturdy

tree covering a steep slope. Any visitors will be able to experience trail traveling to relatively undisturbed natural areas with the opportunity of being able to admire and enjoy a scenery detached from urban life.

With the development of the Diket Falls, the ecotourism industry of the Municipality of Umingan will be greatly enhanced.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Diket Falls in the municipality of Umingan,
2 Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared tourist destination. As
3 such, it shall be accorded with priority development by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Department of tourism, in coordination with the
7 Department of Public Works and Highways, the local government
8 unit of Umingan and other concerned agencies of the government
9 shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare a
10 development plan involving the construction, installation and
11 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as
12 shall enhance tourism in the area; *Provided*, That said development
13 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural
14 resources of the area.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Tourism and its concerned attached
16 agencies shall take immediate steps in implementing the tourism
17 development plan that will suit the natural characteristic of Diket
18 Falls and shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans
19 and programs for national implementation.

20 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of DOT shall include in the departments
21 program the implementation of this Act. The amount needed for the
22 initial implementation of this Act shall be appropriated from the
23 funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.
24 Thereafter the sum as maybe needed for the continued
25 implementation, operation and maintenance of Diket Falls shall be
26 included in the General Appropriations Act.

27 **SECTION 5.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive
28 orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby
29 amended accordingly.

30 **SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
31 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers
32 of general circulation.

33 *Approved,*