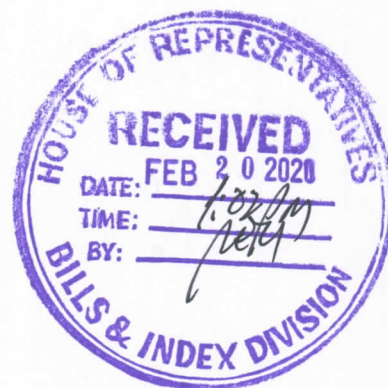


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House Bill No. 6354



**Introduced by Representatives Ria Christina G. Fariñas
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cape Bojeador Lighthouse, a cultural heritage structure, was built in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte during the Spanish colonial period.

It is the highest lighthouse in the country and is situated in Vigia de Nagparitan Hill located at the most northwestern point of mainland Luzon. The lighthouse was first lit on March 30, 1892 and has since served to signal all ships coming to or passing by the Philippines.

On August 13, 2004, the Cape Bojeador Lighthouse was declared as a national historical landmark by the National Historical Institute, now the National Historical Commission of the Philippines. On June 20, 2005, the National Museum declared the lighthouse as a national cultural treasure.

Given the nature and historical significance of this majestic lighthouse, it is important that the government ensures its preservation and sustainability by providing a comprehensive development plan to this historical landmark and cultural treasure.

This bill seeks to declare the Cape Bojeador Lighthouse as a tourist destination and mandates the Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, and the Municipality of Burgos, to come up with its development plan.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this proposed measure is earnestly sought for.



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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE CAPE BOJEADOR LIGHTHOUSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS,
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. The Cape Bojeador Lighthouse in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

Sec. 2. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure and facilities that enhance tourism in the area: *Provided, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: Provided, further, That any activities and developments to be carried out in the area must conform with the concept of ecotourism as*

provided in the national ecotourism strategy jointly issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the DOT.

Sec. 3. The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan that suits the natural characteristics of Cape Bojeador Lighthouse, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development and program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include Cape Bojeador Lighthouse in all its national, regional, and local promotion programs.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of Tourism shall include in the DOT's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Tourism, in consultation with the Municipality of Burgos, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

Sec. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,