

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6754



Introduced by Representative **ANTONIO 'TONYPET' T. ALBANO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This bill seeks to declare Fuyot Springs National Park in Barangay Sta. Victoria, City of Ilagan, Province of Isabela as ecotourism site.

Fuyot Springs National Park was declared as national park for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the Philippines by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 327, s. 1938 under the administration of President Manuel L. Quezon. Fuyot Springs National Park contains an area of approximately 819 hectares. It is located six (6) kilometers north of the City of Ilagan.

One of the attractions in the park is the Sta. Victoria Caves which has more than twelve (12) caves which are open to the public for spelunking. It has lattices, stalactites and stalagmites. Also found in the park is the Pinzal Falls which can be reached by trekking a pathway of rocks and waterholes. These attractions in the Fuyot Springs Natural Park is perfect for travelers who seek adventure.

The declaration of Fuyot Springs National Park as an ecotourism site will enhance tourism development and promotion program. It will also ensure the protection and preservation of biological diversity. Its development as an ecotourism site will provide economic benefits as it will generate income opportunities for the local people.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING FUYOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK IN BARANGAY STA. VICTORIA,
CITY OF ILAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA AN ECO-TOURISM SITE, PROVIDING
FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **Section 1.** The Fuyot Springs National Park in Barangay Sta. Victoria, City
2 of Ilagan, Province of Isabela is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Its development
3 shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the
4 rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.
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6 **Section 2.** The Department of Tourism, in accordance with the local
7 government units and other concerned agencies of the government shall, within
8 one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the
9 construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
10 infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in the area; *Provided*, That said
11 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural
12 resources of the area.
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14 **Section 3.** The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps in
15 implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the natural
16 characteristics of Fuyot Springs Natural Park and shall incorporate the same in its
17 overall development plans and programs for national implementation.
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19 **Section 4.** It shall also be the responsibility of the DOT to promote Fuyot
20 Springs Natural Park as an ecotourism site in all its national, regional, and local
21 promotions programs.
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23 **Section 5.** The DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
24 for proper implementation of this Act.

1 **Section 6.**The Secretary of the Department of Tourism shall include in the
2 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
3 be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment
4 into law and thereafter.

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6 **Section 7.**If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional,
7 other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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9 **Section 8.**All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or
10 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby modified or amended
11 accordingly.

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13 **Section 9.**This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
14 Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,