



Republic of the Philippines  
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**1409**

House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by **Honorable ERLPE JOHN "PING" M. AMANTE**

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare the Tagnote Falls-Mt. Hilong-Hilong Park located in the Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Province of Agusan del Norte as a priority tourism site and incorporate it in the Philippine National Tourism Development Plan.

The proposed tourism site is located at the foot of Mt. Hilong-Hilong covering 80-100 hectares. Aside from hosting the famous Tagnote Falls, the Park is an ideal jump off point for mountaineers who wish to climb Mt. Hilong-hilong – the highest peak in Caraga Region standing 2,102 meters above sea level. This mountain known for its seven (7) unspoiled waterfalls also serves as a home of an estimated 120 different species of birds (with 59 endemic to the Philippines, including the Philippine eagle), indigenous frogs, reptiles, mammals, and ecologically threatened flora.

To maximize the potential of the Tagnote Falls-Mt. Hilong-Hilong Park, significant support from the national government, through the Department of Tourism and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, must be provided to ensure that proper tourism development planning and implementation are undertaken.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE TAGNOTE FALLS-MT. HILONG-HILONG PARK**  
**LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF REMEDIOS T. ROMUALDEZ,**  
**PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AS A PRIORITY TOURISM SITE AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Tagnote Falls-Mt. Hilong-Hilong Park (9°03'02.36"N, 125°39'02.55"E) located in the Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Province of Agusan del Norte is hereby declared a priority tourist development site. As such, the Department of Tourism (DOT) is mandated to incorporate it in the Philippine National Tourism Development Plan.

**SECTION 2.** The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, shall within one (1) year after the approval of this Act prepare a tourism development plan for the area that is cognizant of its environmental and social significance; and undertake the implementation of the said plan.

**SECTION 3.** The DOT shall issue rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** The budget necessary to the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the DOT under the General Appropriations Act or to the internally generated funds of the TIEZA, or both.

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

**Approved,**