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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Mount Bulaylay is one of the three mountains surrounding the Municipality of Cuyapo, encompassing three of the town's barangays, namely: Landig, Maycaban and Cabileo. It has a 100 meter above sea level elevation at its foot and has four peaks, the highest of which is 209 meters above sea level and the lowest peak at 86 meters above sea level. The town proper of Cuyapo rests directly south of Mt. Bulaylay.

The concrete road going up Mt. Bulaylay has made it easy for residents and tourists who wish to go hiking towards the mountain's peaks. Recently, the town has put up a 500-meter long zipline, hoping to bring in more tourists.

This bill, therefore, aims to declare Mt. Bulaylay in the Municipality of Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija as a tourist destination, mandating the Department of Tourism and its attached agencies, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, and in consultation with the local government unit of Cuyapo, to come up with a comprehensive development plan for the improvement of Mt. Bulaylay, all areas attached to it, and all roads leading to and from it.

To be declared a tourist destination would bring in more employment opportunities for the town residents and shall greatly contribute in the town's socio-economic growth.

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

  
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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING MOUNT BULAYLAY, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, NUEVA ECIJA  
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:*

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2       SECTION 1. Mount Bulaylay, in the Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija  
3 is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, it shall be accorded with priority development  
4 by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies subject to the rules and  
5 regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

6       SECTION 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and  
7 Highways (DPWH) and other concerned agencies of the government shall, immediately after  
8 the effectivity of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the construction, installation  
9 and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall improve the overall  
10 feature of the area thereby ensuring the accessibility and security of the tourists; *Provided,*  
11 That the said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the  
12 historical significance of the area.

13       SECTION 3. The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps in  
14 implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the needs of Mt. Bulaylay in the  
15 Municipality of Cuyapo and shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans and  
16 programs for national implementation.

17       SECTION 4. The DOT, in consultation with the local government unit of Cuyapo,  
18 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

19       SECTION 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program  
20 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be charged against the internally  
21 generated funds of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and/or  
22 the appropriations in the annual General Appropriations Act.

23       SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

24       Approved,