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HOUSE BILL NO. **5937**

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cagnituan Falls in Maasin City, Province of Southern Leyte is a beautiful ecotourism site. However, its lack of development has curtailed the tourism potential of the place due to lack of funds for its development.

For the place to become a fully grown tourism destination, its needs to be declared as an ecotourism site so that its development can be funded by national government.

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

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AN ACT

***DECLARING CAGNITUAL FALLS LOCATED IN MAASIN CITY,
PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR***

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

1 SECTION 1. The Cagnituan Falls located in Maasin City,
2 Province of Southern Leyte is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As
3 such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism
4 (DOT) and other concerned agencies, and shall be subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

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7 SECTION 2. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act,
8 the DOT shall prepare a master plan for the Cagnituan Falls.

9 Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT
10 shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
11 proper implementation of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
13 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of
14 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and
15 from internally generated funds of the DOT.

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17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper in general
19 circulation.

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22 Approved,