

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



**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 6232

**Introduced by Representatives Ria Christina G. Fariñas
and Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Kaangrian Falls in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, as a tourist destination.

The Philippines is known for being an archipelagic country. Surrounded with different beautiful bodies of water and blessed with natural resources, our country is undeniably beautiful which tourists truly appreciate. The Philippines is considered as one of the best countries in Asia to visit.

The Philippines has numerous and majestic waterfalls that have yet to be discovered and appreciated, one of which is the Kaangrian falls in Burgos, Ilocos Norte. The two other famous tourist destinations in the Municipality of Burgos which are often visited by tourists are the Kapurpurawan Rock Formation and the Cape Bojeado Lighthouse. But now, tourists are slowly discovering the beauty of the Kaangrian falls.

In 1998, the officials of the Municipality of Burgos were looking for a good and stable source of water when they stumbled upon the Kaangrian Falls that runs all the way to Dirique in the Municipality of Pasuquin. The local folks took a photo of the falls and shared it with other people. People started to get curious on the falls and shared it with other people. People started to get curious about the falls and decided to explore it.

The word "Kaangrian" comes from the Ilocano term "naangri" which literally means "smelly or stinky". However, contrary to its name, the falls is a hidden gem in the forest of Barangay Paayas. It located approximately five

kilometers away from the national highway. People need to hike four kilometers to get to the falls, but during the hike, tourists will be amazed by the view of the surrounding hills and limestones.

Kaangrian Falls is a natural wonder that requires preservation, sustainability and development. It is one of the Philippine tourist destinations that the government should consider investing on. Hence, this proposed measure aims to declare the Kaangrian Falls as a tourist destination. It also mandates the Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Municipality of Burgos, to come up with the proper development plan for the promotion and enhancement of the waterfalls and its surroundings.

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



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AN ACT

**DECLARING KAANGRIAN FALLS 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 Kaangrian Falls in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, it shall be accorded with priority development 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 local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructures 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 activity and development 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 in implementing the tourism development plan that suits the natural characteristics of Kaangrian Falls, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Kaangrian Falls 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,