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HOUSE BILL NO. 2295

Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Tinago Falls and its premises, situated in the Municipality of Linamon, Lanao del Norte, as a national tourist spot in line with the national government's thrust of enhancing the country's tourism sector as a pillar of national development.

The Tinago Falls is a known tourist destination in Lanao del Norte for its natural beauty and magnificent cascading waters. As its name literally implies, the falls is hidden in a deep ravine with its waters cascading into a cool and deep basin, adding grandeur and mystique to its natural attractions.

In recent years, with the development and promotion initiatives of the host local government units, the popularity of the Falls as a tourist destination have been on the rise making it one of the leading tourist destinations in the entire province. However, the full development of the site is yet to be realized with the vast potentials of the area as a leading eco-tourism destination – a task that may unduly burden the host LGUs.

With further development, the Falls has the potential to become a prime tourist destination. Hence, the national government should step in to introduce new and appropriate developments in the premises of the Falls to further enhance its beauty and further promote it as an attractive tourist destination in the national and international levels without compromising its sustainability as an ecologically-sensitive natural site.

It is, therefore, the objective of this bill to develop the Tinago Falls to its maximum potential and promote it as one of the leading tourist destinations in the country with its natural beauty and glorious splendor, by declaring it as a national tourist spot. Doing so will certainly increase awareness and appreciation for the site and will foster both local and international interest and attention that may eventually increase economic activity in the host municipality and promote the province of Lanao del Norte as a viable tourist destination.

In view of these premises, the prompt approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAGO FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN LINAMON, LANAO DEL NORTE PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Tinago Falls and its premises located in Linamon, Lanao del Norte Province is hereby declared as a tourist spot. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist spots.

SECTION 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities which shall enhance tourism in the area and submit the said development plan to the Lanao del Norte Tourism Council for approval.

SECTION 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the said development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

SECTION 4. The DOT shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary to implementation the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations under the annual General Appropriations Act and/or internally generated funds of the DOT.

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

Approved,