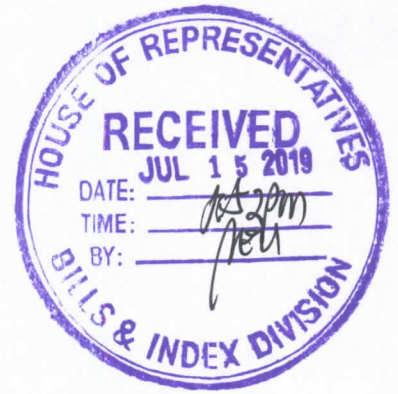


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City Metro Manila



Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session

2095

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by **Congressman Jumel Anthony I. Espino**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Tinakayanan Falls in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan as an ecotourism zone.

The Tinakayanan Falls is one of the finest attractions hidden in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan. The falls is untouched by human intervention hence its water is like a purified drinking water. The falls evokes a majestic scene with its thunderous roaring sound of water flowing and its cool waters inviting.

One can only reach the falls through a trail as there is no road going there. Hence one can only hike or bike on the said trail.

With the proposal to develop the Tinakayanan Falls into an ecotourism zone, we hope to generate economic growth by providing employment opportunities through tourism activities among the residents of the Municipality of Labrador. A road should likewise be constructed for an easy access of tourists coming from different places to the natural water falls.

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


HON. JUMEL ANTHONY I. ESPINO

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

Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session

2095

HOUSE BILL _____

Introduced by **HON. JUMEL ANTHONY I. ESPINO**

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Tinakayanan Falls in the Municipality of Labrador, Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared as an ecotourism zone. As such, priority development of the Tinakayanan Falls shall be made by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zone.

SECTION 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the area: Provided, that said

development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance thereof.

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

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Tourism shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act

SECTION 5. The amount needed for the immediate implementation of this Act is hereby appropriated from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter sum as maybe needed for the continued implementation, operation and maintenance of the Tinakayanan Falls shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

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

Approved,