

Republic of the Philippine  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
**First Regular Session**  
**3708**  
**HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_**



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**Introduced by Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare the Second Legislative District of Bohol which is composed of the Municipalities of Ubay, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, Bien Unido, Trinidad, Danao, San Miguel, Talibon, Getafe, Buenavista, Dagohoy, Clarin, Inabanga, Sagbayan, and San Isidro as the "Farm Tourism Destination Capital of Bohol."

Under Republic Act No. 10816, otherwise known as the "Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016," farm tourism, also referred to as agri-tourism, is the practice attracting visitors and tourism to farm areas for production, education and recreational purposes. It involves any agriculture-or fishing-based operation or activity that brings to a farm visitors, tourists, farmers and fisherfolk who want to be educated and trained on farming and its related activities, and provides a venue for outdoor recreation and accessible family outings.

Known as the "Jewel of the Philippines" Bohol is the tenth largest island in the country it is popular among local and foreign tourists because of its stunning landscape. It is divided into three legislative districts including the Second Legislative District. The people mainly depend on farming and fishing for their livelihood. Moreover, the climate is very conducive to farming, thus the district is a hub of many farming and fishing activities and operations in the province.

The municipality of Bien Unido, which is now recognized as the "Seaweeds Capital in Central Visayas" people in this municipality are into seaweeds farming, an industry wherein seaweeds are either made into gel capsules, soap, toothpaste, slippers and other food packaging containers.

Ubay's points of interest, destination and attractions include the Ubay Stock Farm which is the largest and oldest government livestock facility in the Philippines. The place was chosen by the Department of Agriculture as one of the accredited livestock technology training facilities in the Visayas and Mindanao. Ubay Agri-Park, the first of its kind in the Visayas was launched to boost agriculture and tourism industries in the area. The park helps promote farm tourism to agriculture and is a showcase of Bohol's advances in farm technology. Ubay is also home to Sinandigan Multi-Species Hatchery which is the biggest multi-species hatchery in the Philippines. It is a fishery infrastructure and mariculture park established to enable the fish farmers to become totally independent from wild stocks to promote a more stable food security for the province. The facility is producing fingerlings of various fisheries products such as milkfish (bangus), groupers (lapu-lapu) and siganids (kitong-danggit). It also houses a seaweed tissue culture laboratory which aims to rehabilitate quality seagrass planting materials using tissue branch culture, spore shredding and callus cell culture. Another attraction in Ubay is the Ubay green park and Techno Center, which was formerly an open dumpsite converted into an ecological facility. The park, which boasts of sprawling flowers and fruit gardens was launched in 2013.

Other nearby municipalities are offering their tourism services and attractions with special farm activities and products.

This bill, which seeks to boost farm tourism in the Philippines, recognizes that tourism can propagate the value of agriculture in the economic and cultural development of the country. Farm tourism also serves as the catalyst for the development of agriculture and fishery communities, and provide additional income for farmers, farmworkers and fisherfolk.

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

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**ERICO-ARISTOTLE C. AUMENTADO**



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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3708**  
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**Introduced by Representative Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF BOHOL AS THE FARM**  
**TOURISM DESTINATION CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL**

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

SECTION 1. The Second Legislative District composed of the municipalities of Ubay, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, Bien Unido, Trinidad, San Miguel, Talibon, Getafe, Buenavista, Dagohoy, Danao, Sagbayan, Clarin, Inabanga and San Isidro all in second district of is hereby declared the farm tourism destination capital of Bohol. Accredited farm tourism destinations in the said Municipalities may avail of the privileges and benefits provided under Republic Act No. 10816, otherwise known as the "Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016"

and Highways, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture in the prioritization of infrastructure projects that will promote farm tourism in the Municipalities in accordance with the provisions of "Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016"

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in

The *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,