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House Bill No. 1407

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Mapaso Hot and Cold Springs located in Barangay La Paz, Municipality of Santiago, Province of Agusan del Norte as a priority tourism site and incorporate it in the Philippine National Tourism Development Plan.

The Mapaso Hot and Cold Springs are consist of several pools with various temperatures – and what sets them apart is that the temperature of each pool remains constant throughout the year. Believed to have medicinal effects, the springs have been drawing a lot of domestic tourists from Agusan del Norte and other parts of Northern Mindanao. But despite the potential of the area, the local government is restricted in developing it into a prime tourist site due to budgetary and technical expertise constraints.

In this light, the budget and technical assistance of the national government, through the Department of Tourism and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, is sought for the development of the Mapaso Hot and Cold Springs to ensure its sustainability and viability.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE MAPASO HOT AND COLD SPRINGS LOCATED IN
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AGUSAN DEL NORTE AS A PRIORITY TOURISM SITE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The Mapaso Hot and Cold Springs (9°15'24.20"N, 125°32'15.71"E) located in Barangay La Paz, Municipality of Santiago, Province of Agusan del Norte is hereby declared a priority tourist development site. As such, the Department of Tourism (DOT) is mandated to incorporate it in the Philippine National Tourism Development Plan.

SECTION 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, shall within one (1) year after the approval of this Act prepare a tourism development plan for the area that will ensure its viability and sustainability; and undertake the implementation of the said plan.

SECTION 3. The DOT shall issue rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The budget necessary to the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the DOT under the General Appropriations Act or to the internally generated funds of the TIEZA, or both.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,