

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5689**

Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D. AGABAS**

AN ACT
DECLARING PINSAL FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS,
PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING
FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature (Section 16, Article II, 1987 Constitution).

This bill seeks to declare the "Pinsal falls" as an ecotourism destination in the Municipality of San Nicolas, Province of Pangasinan.

The Pinsal Falls is a perfect spot for ecotourism. It is located approximately 12 kilometers south of the famous San Roque Dam- the 6th largest dam in the world. Before reaching the majestic view of the Pinsal Falls, a tourist must negotiate the Agpay Nature Park which is an integral part of the ecotourism site. Any visitor will be able to experience trail traveling to relatively undisturbed natural areas with the opportunity of being able to admire and enjoy a scenery detached from urban life. Any person who loves ecotourism will be immersed in nature in a way that most people cannot enjoy in urban existence bringing with him an experience of a natural environment attached to our Creator.

With the development of the Pinsal Falls, the ecotourism industry of the Municipality of San Nicolas will be greatly enhanced.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Pinsal Falls in the municipality of San Nicolas,
2 Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared tourist destination. As
3 such, it shall be accorded with priority development by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the
7 Department of Public Works and Highways, the local government
8 unit of San Nicolas and other concerned agencies of the government
9 shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare a
10 development plan involving the construction, installation and
11 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as
12 shall enhance tourism in the area; *Provided*, That said development
13 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural
14 resources of the area.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Tourism and its concerned attached
16 agencies shall take immediate steps in implementing the tourism
17 development plan that will suit the natural characteristic of Pinsal
18 Falls and shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans
19 and programs for national implementation.

20 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of DOT shall include in the departments
21 program the implementation of this Act. The amount needed for the
22 initial implementation of this Act shall be appropriated from the
23 funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.
24 Thereafter the sum as maybe needed for the continued
25 implementation, operation and maintenance of Pinsal Falls shall be
26 included in the General Appropriations Act.

27 **SECTION 5.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive
28 orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby
29 amended accordingly.

30 **SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
31 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers
32 of general circulation.

33 *Approved,*