



**Republic of the Philippines  
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**House Bill No. 8994**



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare Baculan Falls as an ecotourism site in the Municipality of Midsalip, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

Baculan Falls is located in Barangay Golictop, Midsalip, Zamboanga del Sur. The falls has an approximate height of 12 meters. The unique formation of landslides and the thorough water drops make Baculan Falls an exceptional waterfall. The vegetation of the immediate surroundings is relatively intact with forest trees.

With the proposal to develop the Baculan Falls into an ecotourism site, we hope to enhance its aesthetic value and generate economic growth by providing employment opportunities through tourism activities among the residents of Barangay Golictop.

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

  
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**AN ACT DECLARING BACULAN FALLS IN BARANGAY GOLICTOP, MUNICIPALITY OF MIDSALIP, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AS ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the "Baculan Falls Ecotourism Act".

Section. 2. *State Policy* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote sustainable tourism industry. Towards this end, the state shall rationalize all efforts pertaining to environmental protection and make the tourism industry a major source of livelihood and an avenue for the generation of employment. Henceforth, aggressive measures seeking to restore the country's share in the global tourism market shall be consistent with the preservation of the existing ecosystem and natural environment.

Section 3. *Declaration of Policy* - Pursuant to the declared policy of the State, the Baculan Falls in the Municipality of Midsalip, Province of Zamboanga del Sur is hereby declared as an ecotourism site.

Section 4. *Ecotourism Master Plan* - The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Sur, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism shall jointly prepare an Eco-Tourism Master Plan for the Baculan Falls in the Municipality of Midsalip and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to be implemented by the local government in coordination with concerned government agencies.

Section 5. *Appropriations* - The Department of Tourism shall include in the Department's programs the amount necessary for the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules or regulations, and issuance contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 24. *Effectivity Clause*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

*Approved,*