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House Bill No. 9266



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Introduced by Representatives Ria Christina G. Fariñas  
and Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Tanap Avis Falls in the Municipality of Burgos, Ilocos Norte, as an ecotourism destination.

The Municipality of Burgos is known for its local delicacy and popular tourist destinations like the Cape Bojeador Lighthouse and the Kapurpurawan Rock Formation. However, little do people know, the municipality of Burgos is also a sanctuary to majestic waterfalls, one of which is the Tanap Avis Falls.

The Tanap Avis Falls is located in Barangay Tanap, Burgos, Ilocos Norte. It is said to be one of the less visited and isolated water falls in Ilocos Norte. However, hundreds of tourists continuously flock to visit this majestic waterfall. In order to get to the waterfall, one must hike for approximately 30 to 45 minutes, but the experience is always worth it because of the hidden paradise that awaits. The basin within the vicinity of the waterfall is shallow which is perfect for anyone who just simply want to take a dip and enjoy nature. It is the perfect combination of tranquility and adventure.

The Tanap Avis Falls is quickly gaining popularity as tourists and locals alike frequent the place. Thus, it is with the best interest of the government to preserve its natural beauty.

In view of the foregoing, this bill aims to declare the Tanap Avis Falls as an ecotourism destination, mandating the Department of Tourism and its attached agencies, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, and in consultation with the Municipality of Burgos, to come up with a development plan for the water falls and its surroundings.

Thus, the approval of this proposed measure is earnestly sought for.



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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE TANAP AVIS FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**Section 1.** The Tanap Avis Falls in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

**Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructures that enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That any activities and developments to be carried out in the area must conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided in the national ecotourism strategy

jointly issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the DOT.

**Sec. 3.** The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan tailored to the needs of the Tanap Avis Falls in the Municipality of Burgos and shall incorporate the same in its tourism program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include Tanap Avis Falls in all its national, regional, and local promotion programs.

**Sec. 4.** The Secretary of Tourism shall include in the DOT's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

**Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Tourism shall, in consultation with the Municipality of Burgos, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

**Sec. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

**Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*