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**AN ACT DECLARING PINSAL FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SAN NICOLAS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, A TOURISM
DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution states that *"the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."*

Pinsal Falls is an ideal spot for ecotourism. It is about 12 kilometers south of the famous San Roque Dam, the world's sixth largest dam. Tourists must first navigate the Agpay Nature Park, which is an important part of the ecotourism site, before arriving at the breathtaking Pinsal Falls. Any tourist will be able to enjoy the travel to the untouched natural areas while admiring and enjoying scenery away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

This bill which the undersigned filed in the 18th Congress seeks to declare the "Pinsal falls" as an ecotourism destination in the Municipality of San Nicolas, Province of Pangasinan. The development of the Pinsal Falls will significantly boost the Municipality of San Nicolas' ecotourism industry.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this measure earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Pinsal Falls located in the Municipality of San Nicolas, Province of
2 Pangasinan, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall
3 be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in
6 coordination with the of Public Works and Highways, the municipal government of
7 San Nicolas and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism
8 development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of
9 such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in the area:
10 Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation, conservation and
11 optimum utilization of available assets and resources in the area.

12 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate
13 steps to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism
14 development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include Pinsal Falls
15 in all its national, regional and local promotions programs.

16 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program
17 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
18 General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally
19 generated funds of the Department.

1 **SEC. 5.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations,
2 presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this
3 Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

4 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
5 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,