



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6936

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARIÑAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 290

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TANAP AVIS FALLS, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Tanap Avis Falls located in the Municipality of Burgos, Province
2 of Ilocos Norte, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject
4 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government
6 of Burgos shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources (DENR) and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development
8 plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
9 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
10 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the
11 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be
12 included in the budget of the municipal government of Burgos.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Burgos in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include the Tanap Avis Falls in its national and regional
4 promotion programs.

5 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
6 budget of the municipal government of Burgos. The DOT may augment such allocation with
7 internally-generated funds.

8 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal
9 government of Burgos shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
10 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

11 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
12 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
14 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
15 accordingly.

16 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
17 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,