

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7862



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Introduced by: **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Municipality of Dona Remedios Trinidad or DRT as it is fondly called, is a landlocked, first class income town established in September 13, 1977 and currently the youngest and holds the biggest land area in the Province of Bulacan with 932.96 square kilometers (360.22 sq.m). It has 8 Barangays with its latest population of 22,663 according to the 2015 Census and comprises 0.69% of the total population of Bulacan province with 24 inhabitants per square kilometers. One can marvel at the breath taking view of Metro Manila, Bulacan and Pampanga seen from atop of Mount Lumot in Barangay Camachin where the historical Cradle monument, a symbol and remembrance of many lost lives during the battle in 1938 against the guerillas is erected in their memory. DRT also hosts a lot of natural water and rock formations namely: Verdivia falls in Brgy. Talbak, Talon Pari falls in Brgy. Kalawakan, Tila Pilon Hills (Chocolate hills of Bulacan) of Brgy. Kalawakan, and the Puning caves in Brgy. Bayabas amongst others. Numerous resorts also opened in Brgy. Pulong Sampaloc which complements directly to the natural wonder of its surroundings.

This bill aims to promote eco-tourism, uplift the level of awareness of our locals and foreigners regarding the most unexplored town and yet the most promising in terms of tourism. The promotion of local tourism specifically during the pandemic can generate employment among Bulakenyos and spread the benefits to both the private and public sector.

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

  
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AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF BULACAN AS A TOURIST FRIENDLY DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad in the Province of Bulacan is hereby declared as a tourist destination. The development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Tourism within one year after the approval of this Act, and with coordination with the Local Government of Doña Remedios Trinidad and concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructures which can enhance and improve the tourism sector in the Municipality: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of natural resources thereat.

**SECTION 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of the said municipality and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also be the responsibility of the DOT in coordination with the local tourism offices to promote Doña Remedios Trinidad as a tourist destination in all its national, regional, and local promotion programs.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall be the lead implementor of this Act and shall include in the Department's program and the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT.

**SECTION 5.** Within sixty days (60) after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of DOT, shall promulgate the rules and regulations needed for the implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 6.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**SECTION 7.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

**SECTION 8.** This Act shall take after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*

*Lime L. Pinera*