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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A tourist spot brings to mind ideas of picnic spots with grilling facilities, paddle boat ride in a lagoon (ala Baguio's Burnham Park), fitness trail with exercise stations, mountain bike trails along forested lanes, flower terraces and the like.

The present La Mesa Dam Eco-Park reflects all these amenities.

Simply visiting La Mesa Dam Eco-Park is already equivalent to saving the La Mesa Watershed which is also the primary source of drinking water for about 12 million Metro Manila residents. It consists of 2,000 hectares of surrounding forest and 700 hectares of reservoir and its forests serve as lungs of Metro Manila providing clean air.

This bill, thus, contemplates a development plan that aims to rehabilitate, reforest, preserve and protect the La Mesa Watershed while at the same time promote its highest tourism potential and value.

Hence, the immediate passage of this urgent bill is earnestly sought

  
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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING LA MESA DAM ECOPARK IN BARANGAY FAIRVIEW, QUEZON CITY AS A  
TOURISM SITE**

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

**Section 1.** La Mesa Dam Eco-Park in Barangay Fairview, Quezon City is hereby declared a tourism site. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites.

**Section 2.** The DOT, coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of government shall, within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in said are, provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance of the area.

**Section 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement said development plan and shall incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the year following the approval of this Act.

**Section 4.** The Department of Tourism shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,