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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Very rich with highly diversified marine life, Napantao in San Francisco, Southern Leyte is already attracting international tourists and fast becoming a favorite diving site. However, illegal fishing and collection of corals are posing as danger to the natural environment of Napantao.

Due to this concern, there is an urgent need to protect the surrounding areas of Napantao to preserve its beauty as a diving site. Otherwise, its status as a favored diving destination will slowly fade away.

Therefore, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF NAPANTAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS)

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The shorelines and foreshore areas of Napantao, Municipality of San
2 Francisco, Province of Southern Leyte is hereby included in the National Integrated
3 Protected Area System (NIPAS) as provided under Republic Act No. 7586 otherwise
4 known as the National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 1992.

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6 For purposes of this Act, the area of Napantao to be included into the NIPAS is
7 confined along the four corners with geographical coordinates as follows:

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10 **LATITUDE**

LONGITUDE

11
12 10° - 04' - 36.18" North

125° - 07' - 3.37" East

13 10° - 03' - 41.51" North

125° - 06' - 3.64" East

14 10° - 01' - 35.27" North

125° - 08' - 45.83" East

15 10° - 02' - 53.70" North

125° - 10' - 10.57" East

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3 Note: Above coordinates are based on WGS-84 for conversion to PRS-92.
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5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
6 shall prepare the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of this Act including the
7 necessary budget for its implementation.
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9 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

10 Approved,