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HOUSE BILL NO. 1665

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the emerging tourist destinations in the Municipality of Corcuera in the Province of Romblon is the Colong-colong Beach. This beach is known for its powdery white sand, crystal clear waters and its arc rock formation known as Pasilagon.

Aside from the unique rock formation, the beach is a natural paradise, free from congestion and over development found in the more popular beach destinations. On the contrary, Colong-colong Beach offers a relaxed and quiet beach ideal for family gatherings and a perfect destination for mediation.

It is believed that this beach has an enormous tourism potential, which, if tapped and developed properly, with due regard and care for its natural beauty and sustainability, could be a source of revenue for local businesses, create jobs, and improve basic services of the community.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE COLONG-COLONG BEACH, LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CORCUERA, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, A TOURISM
DESTINATION

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

SECTION 1. The Colong-colong Beach located in the Municipality of Corcuera, Province of Romblon, is hereby declared a tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of Corcuera shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided, That* said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and

resources of the area: *Provided further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Corcuera.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Corcuera in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include Colong-colong Beach in its national and regional promotion programs.

SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipal Government of Corcuera.

The DOT through the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), if necessary, may include such allocation in the TIEZA's program.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal Government of Corcuera shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,