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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE CONGRESSMAN EDELMIRO A. AMANTE, SR. MAPASO
RESORT AND ADVENTURE NATURE PARK, LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Congressman Edelmiro A. Amante, Sr. Mapaso Resort and
2 Adventure Nature Park, located in the Municipality of Santiago, Province of Agusan del
3 Norte, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
4 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

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

14 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Santiago in the
15 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism

1 capacity building. It shall also include the Congressman Edelmiro A. Amante, Sr. Mapaso
2 Resort and Adventure Nature Park in all its regional and national promotion programs.

3 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
4 budget of the Municipal Government of Santiago. The DOT may augment such allocation
5 with internally generated funds.

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

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

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

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

Approved,