



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE LOOC BAY AREA, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LOOC, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Looc Bay area in the Municipality of Looc, Province of Romblon, is
2 hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized
3 and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing
4 the development of ecotourism destinations.

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

1 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal
2 Government of Looc.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Looc in the implementation
4 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
5 shall also include the Looc Bay area in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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13 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,