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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF
ROMBLON, A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Romblon, is hereby
2 declared a tourism development area (TDA).

3 **SEC. 2.** The San Fernando TDA hereby includes the following areas within the
4 municipality, which are endowed with scenic landscapes and natural attractions, rich
5 biodiversity, and historical significance:

6 (a) Cresta de Gallo Island and Marine Sanctuary;

7 (b) Bontangigue Reef Marine Sanctuary;

8 (c) Lamao Lake;

9 (d) Cantingas River Resort;

10 (e) Busay Falls;

11 (f) Bila-Bila Falls;

12 (g) Lagting Falls;

- 1 (h) Dagubdub Falls;
- 2 (i) Kweba Falls;
- 3 (j) Panas Falls;
- 4 (k) Olango Trail of Mt. Guiting-Guiting;
- 5 (l) Punta Caut Lighthouse;
- 6 (m) Casa del San Fernando; and
- 7 (n) Immediate environs of Nuestra Senora de Candelaria Church.

8 Pursuant thereto, the development of these areas shall be prioritized and supported by
9 the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
10 development of tourism destinations.

11 **SEC. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government
12 of San Fernando shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
13 Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development
14 plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate
15 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the Municipality of San Fernando,
16 particularly in identified areas for tourism development: *Provided*, That said development plan
17 shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the areas:
18 *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included
19 in the budget of the Municipal Government of San Fernando.

20 **SEC. 4.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of San Fernando in the
21 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
22 capacity building. It shall also include the Municipality of San Fernando in its national and
23 regional promotion programs.

24 **SEC. 5.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget
25 of the Municipal Government of San Fernando. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally
26 generated funds.

1 **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
2 Government of San Fernando shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of
3 the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

Approved,