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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIO, PROVINCE OF SULTAN
KUDARAT, AS 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 Columbio, Province of Sultan Kudarat, is hereby
2 declared a tourism development area (TDA), and hereinafter shall be referred to as the
3 Columbio TDA.

4 **SEC. 2.** The Columbio TDA hereby includes the following areas within the
5 municipality that are endowed with scenic landscapes, natural attractions, and historical
6 significance:

7 (a) La Palmera Mountain Ridges;

8 (b) Asmakol Water Park;

- (c) Fetam Klego Underground River Park;
- (d) Kolongled Bamboo Forest and Nature Park;
- (e) Kawing Forest Reserve and Nature Park;
- (f) Columbio Eco-Tourism Park;
- (g) Mt. Alip Mountain Ranges Eco-Tourism Adventure Park;
- (h) Sinalkuhan Trail Adventure;
- (i) Bitter Lion's Eco Adventure Park;
- (j) Columbio Circumferential Road Trail;
- (k) Mt. Bolol Lomot Forest Reserve;
- (l) Bukay El Nature Trail;
- (m) Abnahaw Eco-Park;
- (n) Polomok Eco Adventure;
- (o) Pangadilan River Adventure and Rock Formations;
- (p) Salnaong Cultural Tourism;
- (q) Tacol Falls;
- (r) Balaisan Eco Trail;
- (s) Libertad Ecological and Hiking Trail; and
- (t) Columbio 360 Eco Trail.

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

SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of Columbio shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate

1 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the municipality, particularly in identified
2 areas for tourism development: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the
3 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the areas: *Provided*,
4 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
5 budget of the Municipal Government of Columbio.

6 **SEC. 4.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Columbio in the
7 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
8 capacity building. It shall also include the Columbio TDA in its national and regional
9 promotion programs.

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

13 **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
14 Government of Columbio shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, and concerned agencies
15 of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

16 **SEC. 7.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
17 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

18 **SEC. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
19 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
20 accordingly.

21 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
22 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,