



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION**

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

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

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

10 said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and
11 resources of the area: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of the tourism development
12 plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Balud.

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Balud in the
14 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
15 capacity building. It shall also include Palani Beach in its national and regional promotion
16 programs.

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

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

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24 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended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

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

Approved,