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AN ACT

**DECLARING ULOT RIVER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANAS, PROVINCE
OF SAMAR, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Ulot River in the Municipality of Paranas, Province of Samar, is
2 hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
3 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 Paranas shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan
8 that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate
9 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided, That* said development

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

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Paranas in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Ulot River in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,