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AN ACT
DECLARING MABANOG FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY DARAPUAY,
MUNICIPALITY OF BANSALAN, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN
ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Mabanog Falls, located in Barangay Darapuy, Municipality of Bansalan, Province
2 of Davao del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
3 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
4 governing the development of ecotourism site.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of
6 Bansalan 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
10 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the
11 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be
12 included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Bansalan.

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

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

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

4 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
5 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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7 any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,