



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT

DECLARING JORDAN WATERFALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY GETHSEMANE, BAYUGAN CITY, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Jordan Waterfalls, located in Barangay Gethsemane, Bayugan City,
2 Province of Agusan Del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to
4 the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City Government of
6 Bayugan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
7 and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include
8 the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
9 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation
10 and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the
11 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the City
12 Government of Bayugan.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Bayugan in the implementation of
2 the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
3 shall also include Jordan Waterfalls in its national and regional promotion programs.

4 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
5 budget of the City Government of Bayugan. The DOT may augment such allocation with
6 internally generated funds.

7 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the City Government of
8 Bayugan shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
9 promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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11 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,