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AN ACT
DECLARING SITIO TIMOGA, LOCATED IN BARANGAY BURU-UN, CITY OF
ILIGAN, PROVINCE OF LANAOS DEL NORTE, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Timoga Ecotourism Zone Act.”

2 **SEC. 2. Declaration as an Ecotourism Zone.** – Sitio Timoga, located in Barangay Buru-
3 un, City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant
4 thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
5 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

6 **SEC. 3. Development Plan.** – Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the City
7 Government of Iligan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and

1 Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and concerned agencies of
2 the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,
3 installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism
4 in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the protection of its natural
5 resources and the promotion of local enterprise and community-based tourism: *Provided, further*,
6 That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the
7 City Government of Iligan.

8 **SEC. 4. *Technical Assistance and Promotion.*** – The DOT shall assist the City Government
9 of Iligan in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance
10 in tourism capacity building. It shall also include Sitio Timoga in its national and regional
11 promotion programs.

12 The DENR shall ensure that all development activities are compliant with environmental
13 laws, conduct the necessary assessments and monitoring, and provide guidance on the sustainable
14 use and conservation of natural resources within the ecotourism zone.

15 The DTI shall support the development of local enterprises related to tourism in the area,
16 including skills training, product development, and marketing assistance for micro, small, and
17 medium enterprises.

18 **SEC. 5. *Appropriations.*** – The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included
19 in the annual budget of the City Government of Iligan. The DOT may augment such allocation
20 with internally generated funds.

21 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity
22 of this Act, the City Government of Iligan shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, DTI, and
23 concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

1 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared
2 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
3 and effect.

4 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other
5 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
6 amended accordingly.

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

Approved,