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AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MASJID, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GRAND MOSQUE OF COTABATO, LOCATED IN BARANGAY KALANGANAN, COTABATO CITY, AS A TOURISM DESTINATION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of *Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Masjid*,
2 also known as the Grand Mosque of Cotabato, located in Barangay Kalanganan,
3 Cotabato City, are hereby declared as a tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the
4 development of the immediate environs of the Grand Mosque of Cotabato shall be
5 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
6 and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

1 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City Government
2 of Cotabato shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
3 government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,
4 installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
5 improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the Grand Mosque
6 of Cotabato, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided,*
7 That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the
8 cultural significance of the area: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of the
9 tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the City Government of
10 Cotabato.

11 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Cotabato in the
12 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
13 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the Grand
14 Mosque of Cotabato in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

21 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, and other
22 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
23 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,