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AN ACT

DECLARING MOUNT KANLANDOG, LOCATED IN BARANGAY CANLANDOG, MUNICIPALITY OF MURCIA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Mount Kanlandog, located in Barangay Canlandog, Municipality of
2 Murcia, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto,
3 its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject
4 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of
6 Murcia 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

1 the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
2 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation
3 and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the
4 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal
5 Government of Murcia.

6 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Murcia in the implementation
7 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
8 shall also include Mount Kanlandog in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

12 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal Government
13 of Murcia shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
14 promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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18 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,