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AN ACT

DECLARING LULUGAYAN FALLS, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALBIGA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Lulugayan Falls, located in the Municipality of Calbiga, Province of
2 Samar, 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
4 regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

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

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Calbiga in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include Lulugayan Falls in its national and regional promotion
4 programs.

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

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

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12 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended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

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

Approved,