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AN ACT

DECLARING BOLUTOHAN CAVE, LOCATED IN BARANGAY INDAHAG, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Bolutohan Cave, located in Barangay Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City,
2 Province of Misamis Oriental, 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 hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the City
6 Government of Cagayan de Oro shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment
7 and Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development
8 plan 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 plan
10 shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area:
11 *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in
12 the budget of the City Government of Cagayan de Oro.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Cagayan de Oro in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
3 capacity building. It shall also include the Bolutohan Cave 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 City Government of Cagayan de Oro. 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 City Government of
9 Cagayan de Oro shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
10 promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

13 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees,
14 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed
15 or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,