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AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE
OF BATAAN, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

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

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government
6 of Orani shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources (DENR), Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) for Bataan National Park,
8 and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall
9 include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and

1 facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall identify
2 well-defined geographic areas within the ecotourism zone, including the Bataan National Park,
3 and ensure the integrated development of these areas for the optimum utilization of natural
4 assets and attractions: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development
5 plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Orani.

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

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

13 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
14 Government of Orani shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, PAMB for Bataan National
15 Park, and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to
16 implement this Act.

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

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

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

Approved,