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AN ACT
DECLARING THE ISLAS DE GIGANTES, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Islas de Gigantes, consisting of four (4) barangays, namely,
2 Asluman, Granada, Lantangan, and Gabi, all located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of
3 Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be known as the “Islas de Gigantes Ecotourism
4 Zone.” Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department
5 of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of
6 ecotourism zones.

7 **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
8 Government of Carles shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and
9 Natural Resources (DENR), and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism

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

6 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Carles in the
7 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
8 capacity building. It shall also include the Islas de Gigantes in its national and regional
9 promotion 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 Carles. 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 Carles shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, and concerned agencies of
15 the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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19 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended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

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

Approved,