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AN ACT
DECLARING THE TAMBALIZA ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CONCEPCION, 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 Tambaliza Island, consisting of three (3) barangays, namely,
2 Macatunao, Talotu-an, and Tambaliza, all located in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province
3 of Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be known as the “Tambaliza Island
4 Ecotourism Zone.” Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the
5 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
6 of ecotourism zones.

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

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

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Concepcion in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Tambaliza Island in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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

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presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,