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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH CHURCH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUMAUINI, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AS A TOURISM DESTINATION**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the Saint Matthias Parish Church,  
2       located in the Municipality of Tumauni, Province of Isabela, are hereby declared as a  
3       tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs of  
4       the Saint Matthias Parish Church shall be prioritized and supported by the Department  
5       of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
6       tourism destinations.

7       **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal  
8       Government of Tumauni shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Public

1 Works and Highways, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and  
2 concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall  
3 include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate  
4 infrastructure and facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate environs  
5 surrounding the Saint Matthias Parish Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and  
6 the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
7 preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the Church: *Provided*,  
8 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in  
9 the budget of the Municipal Government of Tumauni.

10 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Tumauni in the  
11 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in  
12 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the Saint  
13 Matthias Parish Church in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

20 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders, and other  
21 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed  
22 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,