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AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAN PABLO CHURCH,
LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, 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 San Pablo Church, located in the
2 Municipality of San Pablo, Province of Isabela, are hereby declared as a tourism
3 destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs of the San
4 Pablo Church shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
5 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
6 destinations.

1 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
2 Government of San Pablo shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Public
3 Works and Highways, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and other
4 concerned government agencies, prepare a tourism development plan that shall
5 include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate
6 infrastructure and facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate environs
7 surrounding the San Pablo Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security
8 of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
9 conservation of the historical significance of the Church. *Provided, further*, That the
10 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the
11 Municipal Government of San Pablo.

12 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of San Pablo in the
13 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
14 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the San Pablo
15 Church in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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24 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,