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AN ACT

DECLARING THE INNOVATIVE TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE iLAB GARDEN CITY PROJECT, LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIGUINTO, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AS A TOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Innovative Tissue Culture Laboratory for Ornamental Plants,
2 also known as the iLAB Garden City Project, located in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Municipality
3 of Guiguinto, Province of Bulacan, is hereby declared a tourism site. As such, its
4 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
5 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
7 Government of Guiguinto, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Science and
8 Technology (DOST), and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism
9 development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of
10 such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided,*
11 That said development plan shall promote environmental, economic, and scientific

1 significance of tissue culture technology: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of
2 the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal
3 Government of Guiguinto.

4 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Guiguinto in the
5 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
6 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the iLAB Garden City Project in all its
7 regional and national promotion programs.

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

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

14 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
15 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
16 amended accordingly.

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

Approved,