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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPALONGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES  
NORTE, AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA**

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

- 1        **SECTION 1. *Municipality of Capalonga as Tourism Development Area.* –**
- 2        The Municipality of Capalonga, Province of Camarines Norte, is hereby declared a
- 3        tourism development area. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and
- 4        supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
- 5        governing the development of tourism development areas.

1           The tourism development area shall include the following sites within the  
2 municipality which are endowed with scenic landscapes, natural resources, and  
3 historical significance:

4           (a) Pulong Guijanlo;

5           (b) Capalonga Lighthouse;

6           (c) Sabang Beach;

7           (d) Lom-oc Beach;

8           (e) Banca-banca Falls, Banokbok Falls, and Itok Falls;

9           (f) Sabong-sabong Reef and Dive Site;

10          (g) Alayao River, Camagsaan River, and Mataque River;

11          (h) The immediate environs of the Selfie Beach Resort and Tinagong Beach  
12             Resort; and

13          (i) The immediate environs of the Shrine of the Black Nazarene.

14          **SEC. 2. *Tourism Development Plan.*** – Within one (1) year after the approval  
15 of this Act, the Municipal Government of Capalonga shall, in coordination with the  
16 DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Office of the  
17 Representative of the First District of the Province of Camarines Norte, and concerned  
18 agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include  
19 the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and  
20 facilities to enhance tourism in the Municipality of Capalonga, particularly in identified  
21 sites for tourism development: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
22 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area:  
23 *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be  
24 included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Capalonga.

1           **SEC. 3. Capalonga Tourism Governing Board.** – Within one (1) year after  
2 the approval of this Act, the Capalonga Tourism Governing Board, hereinafter referred  
3 to as the Board, is hereby created. It shall be composed of the following members:

- 4           (a) Mayor of the Municipality of Capalonga, as Chairperson;
- 5           (b) Secretary of the DOT, or a duly-authorized representative;
- 6           (c) Secretary of the DENR, or a duly-authorized representative;
- 7           (d) The Representative of the First District of the Province of Camarines Norte,  
8           or a duly-authorized representative;
- 9           (e) One (1) representative from an accredited non-governmental organization  
10           whose advocacy is environmental preservation;
- 11           (f) One (1) representative from the academe; and
- 12           (g) One (1) representative from the business sector.

13           The Board shall prepare the necessary rules and regulations for the proper  
14 implementation of this Act and shall, when necessary, amend, modify or revise such  
15 rules and regulations to meet existing needs.

16           The Municipal Government of Capalonga shall provide a Secretariat for the  
17 Board, including the funding necessary to cover the expenses for the performance of  
18 its official functions and activities.

19           **SEC. 4. Role of the DOT.** – The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government  
20 of Capalonga in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing  
21 technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Municipality  
22 of Capalonga in its national and regional promotion programs.

23           **SEC. 5. Appropriations.** – The funding for the implementation of this Act shall  
24 be included in the annual budget of the Municipal Government of Capalonga. The DOT  
25 may augment such allocation with internally generated funds.

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

4       **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees,  
5       and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby  
6       repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,