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AN ACT

DECLARING THE SANTIAGO PUBLIC BEACH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAMOTES ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AS A TOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Santiago Public Beach, located in the Municipality of San
2 Francisco, Camotes Islands, Province of Cebu, is hereby declared a tourism
3 destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by
4 the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of tourism destinations.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
7 Government of San Francisco shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of
8 Environment and Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government,

1 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation,
2 and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism
3 in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
4 conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That
5 the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of
6 the Municipal Government of San Francisco.

7 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of San Francisco in
8 the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance
9 in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Santiago Public Beach in its
10 national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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19 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or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

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

Approved,