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AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION A  
TOURIST DESTINATION AND THE "SURFING CAPITAL  
OF THE NORTH", PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "La Union,  
2 Surfing Capital of the North Act".

3           SEC. 2. The Province of La Union is hereby declared a tourist  
4 destination and the "Surfing Capital of the North". As such, its  
5 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism  
6 (DOT) and other concerned government agencies, and shall be  
7 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
8 tourist destinations.

9           SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the  
10 DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and  
11 Highways, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources,

1 and other concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism  
2 development plan involving the construction, installation, and  
3 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that  
4 shall develop and promote the beaches and surfing activities of the  
5 Province of La Union, and ensuring accessibility and security of  
6 tourists thereat.

7         SEC. 4. The DOT, in coordination with other concerned  
8 government agencies, shall take immediate steps to implement the  
9 development plan and shall incorporate the same in its tourism  
10 developmental programs for the ensuing calendar year.

11         SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the  
12 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding  
13 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act  
14 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

15         SEC. 6. Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this  
16 Act, the DOT, in consultation with the local government of the  
17 Province of La Union and other concerned government agencies,  
18 shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper  
19 implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,