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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6798

By Representatives Singson and Nograles (K.A.), per Committee Report No. 540

AN ACT DECLARING THE CANDON CITY ECOTOURISM ZONE LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALACAPAC, BARANGAY SAN ANDRES, BARANGAY CUBCUBBUOT AND BARANGAY AMGUID IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Candon City Ecotourism Zone is hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units and agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall

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2	shall	ensure	the	preservation	and	conservation	of the	natural
3	beauty and resources of the area.							

SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of Candon City Ecotourism Zone, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Candon City Ecotourism Zone in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

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

Approved,