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AN ACT DECLARING THE LUZON DATUM LOCATED IN BARANGAY HINANGGAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOGPOG, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. The Luzon Datum, the geographical center of the  
2 Philippines, located in Barangay Hinanggayon, Municipality of  
3 Mogpog, Province of Marinduque is declared a tourist spot. As such,  
4 its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism  
5 (DOT), and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing  
6 the development of tourist spots. The DOT shall likewise prioritize  
7 the establishment of a tourist center in the area, to be known as the  
8 Luzon Datum Tourist Center.

9           SEC. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act,  
10 the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and  
11 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of

1 the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan  
2 involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such  
3 appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism  
4 in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
5 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and historical  
6 significance thereof.

7 SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement  
8 the tourism development plan that will suit the needs of Luzon  
9 Datum and shall incorporate the same in its overall development  
10 plans and programs for national implementation.

11 SEC. 4. 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. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,  
16 the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and  
17 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

18 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
19 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
20 circulation.

Approved,

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