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AN ACT DECLARING THE LOON UPTHRUST IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL A TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
2 “Loon Upthrust Tourism Enterprise Zone Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the
4 policy of the State to promote tourism that is ecologically
5 sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive,
6 economically viable and equitable for local communities. It shall
7 also pursue the acceleration of economic, social and political
8 development of local government units (LGUs) through the

1 establishment of special development and administrative areas in
2 suitable and strategic locations in order to attract local and foreign
3 tourists that will generate employment and investment
4 opportunities for local communities while ensuring environment
5 protection and preservation of the area.

6 SEC. 3. *Loon Upthrust Tourism Enterprise Zone.* – The
7 uplifted flat reef as a result of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake on
8 October 15, 2013 found in barangays Canhangdon Occidental,
9 Biasong, Basac, Napo, Cogon Norte, Moto Norte, Moto Sur, Lintuan,
10 Basdacu, Pig-ot, Tangnan, Cuasi, Tontonan, and Song-on in the
11 Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol is hereby declared a tourism
12 enterprise zone (TEZ), to be known as the “Loon Upthrust Tourism
13 Enterprise Zone” or the Loon TEZ.

14 As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
15 Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Tourism Infrastructure and
16 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), subject to the rules and
17 regulations governing the development of TEZs under Republic Act
18 No. 9593, otherwise known as “The Tourism Act of 2009”.

19 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources
20 (DENR), in coordination with the TIEZA and the Municipality of
21 Loon, shall delineate well-defined geographic areas within the Loon
22 TEZ and coordinate the integrated development of the area for the
23 optimum use of its natural assets and attractions. The development
24 shall ensure the sustainability, protection and preservation of the
25 upthrust as a geological phenomenon and perpetuate its historical,
26 educational and tourism significance.

27 SEC. 4. *Development Plan.* – The DOT and the TIEZA, in
28 coordination with the Municipality of Loon and other concerned

1 agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development
2 plan of the Loon TEZ, which shall be incorporated in the overall
3 National Tourism Development Plan of the DOT pursuant to
4 Republic Act No. 9593. It shall be jointly implemented by the
5 Municipality of Loon and the TIEZA.

6 SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DOT shall
7 include in the Department's program the implementation of this
8 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the TIEZA.

10 SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty
11 (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, TIEZA and the
12 Municipality of Loon, in consultation with concerned local
13 government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
14 regulations for its proper implementation.

15 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act
16 shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not
17 otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

18 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders or
19 issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith, are
20 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

21 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
22 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
23 general circulation.

Approved,

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