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**H. No. 5167**

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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING THE TUGONAN WATERFALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN LORENZO, MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE**

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

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The Tugonan Waterfalls located in Barangay San Lorenzo,  
2 Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism  
3 site. As such, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of

1 Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
2 ecotourism sites.

3       **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government  
4 of Prosperidad shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
5 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan  
6 that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate  
7 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development  
8 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the  
9 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be  
10 included in the budget of the municipal government of Prosperidad.

11       **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Prosperidad in the  
12 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
13 capacity building. It shall also include the Tugonan Waterfalls in all its national and regional  
14 promotion programs.

15       **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
16 budget of the municipal government of Prosperidad. The DOT may augment such allocation  
17 with internally-generated funds.

18       **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
19 government of Prosperidad shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the  
20 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

21       **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the  
22 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

23       **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances  
24 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended  
25 accordingly.

- 1            **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
- 2   *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,