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AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP, POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE BACLARAN CHURCH, LOCATED ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD, PARANAQUE CITY, A HERITAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the National Shrine of Our Mother of
2 Perpetual Help, popularly known as the Baclaran Church, located along Roxas Boulevard,
3 Parañaque City, is hereby declared a heritage site and tourism destination. As such, the
4 development of the immediate environs of the Baclaran Church shall be prioritized and

1 supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the National Historical
2 Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the local government of Parañaque City and
3 concerned agencies of the government, subject to the rules and regulations governing the
4 development of heritage sites and tourism destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the local government of
6 Parañaque City shall, in coordination with the DOT, NHCP, Department of Public Works and
7 Highways and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan
8 that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
9 infrastructure and facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate environs
10 surrounding the Baclaran Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of
11 tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation
12 of the historical significance of the Baclaran Church: *Provided, further*, That the
13 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the local
14 government of Parañaque City.

15 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local government of Parañaque City in the
16 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
17 capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the Baclaran Church in all
18 its national and regional promotion programs.

19 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
20 budget of the local government of Parañaque City. The DOT may augment such allocation
21 with internally-generated funds.

22 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the local government of
23 Parañaque City shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
24 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

Approved,