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BY REPRESENTATIVES ALBANO, MADRONA, CHATTO, ANGARA, ALVAREZ (J.), LUISTRO, RILLO, CHAN, AGARAO, ALMARIO, AUMENTADO, MATUGAS, SINGSON (R.), EMANO, GARCIA (M.A.), SALI, HORIBATA, ZAMORA (M.C.), DELOS SANTOS, ABUNDA, LAGON (D.), MANQUIZ, OUANO-DIZON, TUTOR, GO (E.C.), BUHAIN, CAGAS, TUPAS, GO (M.), GORRICETA, DALOG, YU (J.V.), CRUZ (R.), GATO, LIMKAICHONG, ESCUDERO, CARI, YU (D.G.), SALVAME, SACDALAN, KHO (R.), LEGARDA, GULLAS, MIGUEL, ALONTE, PLEYTO, GUTIERREZ, MAGSINO, PADIERNOS, GONZALES (A.), FRASCO, HERRERA, BASCUG, CABREDO, CHUNGALAO, COLLANTES, CUARESMA, KHO (O.), LOYOLA, MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, NAVA, OLIVAREZ, PLAZA, RODRIGUEZ (R.), SILVERIO AND SUANSING (M.A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 81

AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAN PABLO CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, A TOURISM 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 San Pablo Church located in the
2 Municipality of San Pablo, Province of Isabela, are hereby declared as a tourism destination.
3 Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs of the San Pablo Church shall
4 be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
5 regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

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

11 SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the municipal government of San Pablo in the
12 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
13 capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the San Pablo Church in its
14 national and regional 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 San Pablo. 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 San Pablo shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
20 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

Approved,