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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING WAWA DAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION**

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

- 1           SECTION 1. The Wawa Dam located in the Municipality of Rodriguez, Province of  
2 Rizal, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be  
3 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and

1 regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations. The Municipality of  
2 Rodriguez shall likewise establish a tourism center to be known as the Wawa Dam Tourism  
3 Center.

4           SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of  
5 Rodriguez shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
6 Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of the Interior and  
7 Local Government and concerned agencies of the government and civil society organizations,  
8 prepare a tourism development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of  
9 such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance, develop and promote ecotourism  
10 in the area, and improve accessibility and ensure the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said  
11 development plan shall ensure the preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of  
12 available assets and resources in the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the  
13 tourism development plan, including the establishment of the Wawa Dam Tourism Center, shall  
14 be included in the budget of the municipal government of Rodriguez.

15           SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Rodriguez in the implementation  
16 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.  
17 It shall also include the Wawa Dam in its national and regional promotion programs.

18           SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
19 budget of the municipal government of Rodriguez. The DOT may augment such allocation with  
20 internally-generated funds.

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

1           SEC. 6. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or  
2 invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

3           SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees  
4 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed  
5 repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,