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AN ACT
DECLARING THE LAKE HIMBANG LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TALACOGON, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Lake Himbang located in the Municipality of Talacogon, Province
2 of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development
3 shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
4 and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

1 **SEC. 2.** The technical description of the area to be declared an ecotourism site is as
2 follows:

LAKE HIMBANG TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

3 **Projection :** Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 51 (N)
Datum : World Geodetic 1984 (WGS84)

	corner	easting	northing
4	1	804671	937414
5	2	804717	937418
	3	804769	937402
6	4	804816	937406
	5	804833	937436
7	6	804862	937419
	7	804881	937383
8	8	804915	937357
	9	804964	937319
9	10	805044	937264
	11	805114	937249
10	12	805201	937230
	13	805301	937212
11	14	805330	937174
	15	805270	937051
12	16	805222	936996
	17	805177	936953
13	18	805109	936928
	19	805062	936952
14	20	805017	936976
	21	804979	936997
15	22	804928	937015
	23	804889	937045
16	24	804876	937092
	25	804887	937129
17	26	804948	937102
	27	804981	937140
18	28	804974	937168
	29	804980	937184
19	30	804975	937198
	31	804918	937231
20	32	804862	937237
	33	804799	937249
21	34	804772	937302
	35	804752	937361
	36	804713	937394
	37	804663	937393

22 **SEC. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government
23 of Talacogon shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
24 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
25 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure

1 and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
2 the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*,
3 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
4 budget of the municipal government of Talacogon.

5 **SEC. 4.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Talacogon in the
6 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
7 capacity building. It shall also include the Lake Himbang in its national and regional promotion
8 programs.

9 **SEC. 5.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
10 budget of the municipal government of Talacogon. The DOT may augment such allocation
11 with internally-generated funds.

12 **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal
13 government of Talacogon shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
14 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

15 **SEC. 7.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
16 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

17 **SEC. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
18 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
19 accordingly.

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

Approved,