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AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUMAUNI, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AS 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 Saint Matthias Parish Church located in
2 the Municipality of Tumauni, Province of Isabela, are hereby declared as a tourism
3 destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs of the Saint
4 Matthias Parish Church shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism

1 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism
2 destinations.

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

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Tumauni in the
14 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
15 capacity building. It shall also include the immediate environs of the Saint Matthias Parish
16 Church in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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

Approved,