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**AN ACT
DECLARING PILIS FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY
OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AN ECOTOURISM SITE**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Pilis Falls located in Barangay Palili, Municipality of Samal,
2 Province of Bataan, 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.

5 **SEC. 2** Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the municipal government
6 of Samal shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
8 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure
9 and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure
10 the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*,
11 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the
12 budget of the municipal government of Samal.

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Samal in the implementation
14 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.
15 It shall also include the Pilis Falls in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

22 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
23 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

24 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
25 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
26 accordingly.

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

Approved,