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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MIGHTY CAVE PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM  
DESTINATION**

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

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The Mighty Cave Park located in the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province  
2 of Lanao del Norte, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its  
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject  
4 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

1           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of  
2 Tagoloan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
3 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that  
4 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure  
5 and facilities that shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall  
6 ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area:  
7 *Provided, further*, That said development plan shall be submitted to the Province of Lanao del  
8 Norte Tourism Council for approval: *Provided, finally*, That the implementation of the tourism  
9 development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Tagoloan.

10           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Tagoloan in the  
11 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
12 capacity building. It shall also include the Mighty Cave Park in its national and regional  
13 promotion programs.

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

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

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

Approved,