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**AN ACT  
DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI,  
PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

- 1           **SECTION 1.** Barangay Tala located in the Municipality of Orani, Province of Bataan,  
2 is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized  
3 and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations  
4 governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5           **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of  
6 Orani shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
7 (DENR), Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) and concerned agencies of the  
8 government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction,  
9 installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism  
10 in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall identify well-defined geographic areas  
11 within the ecotourism zone, including the Bataan National Park, and ensure the integrated  
12 development of these areas for the optimum utilization of natural assets and attractions and the  
13 preservation of their historical significance: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the  
14 tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of  
15 Orani.

16           **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Orani in the implementation  
17 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.  
18 It shall also include Barangay Tala in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

22           **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
23 government of Orani shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, PAMB and concerned  
24 agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

27           **Sec. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances  
28 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended  
29 accordingly.

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

Approved,