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AN ACT
DECLARING LULUGAYAN FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CALBIGA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

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

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
6 Calbiga 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 Calbiga.

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

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

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

23 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent
24 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

25 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
26 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,