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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS LOCATED IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO,
PARAÑAQUE CITY, 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 National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians
2 located in Barangay Don Bosco, Parañaque City, are hereby declared as a tourism destination.
3 Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs of the National Shrine of Mary

1 Help of Christians shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT)
2 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

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

12 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the city government of Parañaque in the implementation of
13 the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
14 shall also include the immediate environs of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in its
15 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 city government of Parañaque. 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 city government of
20 Parañaque shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
21 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

Approved,