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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOVELLAR, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Jovellar in the Province of Albay, known for its
2 Quitinday Falls and Underground River and other natural attractions, is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
5 of ecotourism zones.

1 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
2 Jovellar shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
3 Resources, the Representative of the Third Congressional District of Albay and concerned
4 agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the
5 construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
6 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the
7 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and indigenous flora and fauna in the area:
8 *Provided, further*, That the development plan shall include the formulation and implementation
9 of programs and strategies that will generate livelihood and employment opportunities for the
10 residents therein: *Provided, finally*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan
11 shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Jovellar.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,