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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AS 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 Immaculate Conception Parish Church,
2 where the exact replica of the Holy Veil of Manoppello or the burial cloth of Jesus Christ is
3 enthroned, located in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, are hereby
4 declared as tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs

5 of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church shall be prioritized and supported by the
6 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
7 of tourism destinations.

8 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
9 Nampicuan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Public Works and Highways
10 and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall
11 include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and
12 facilities to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the Immaculate
13 Conception Parish Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists:
14 *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the
15 historical significance of the church: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism
16 development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Nampicuan.

17 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Nampicuan in the
18 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
19 capacity building. It shall also include the environs of the Immaculate Conception Parish
20 Church in its national and regional promotion programs.

21 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
22 annual budget of the municipal government of Nampicuan. The DOT may augment such
23 allocation with internally-generated funds.

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

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

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

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

Approved,