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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE  
A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA**

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

- 1           **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Barlig Tourism Development  
2 Area (Barlig TDA) Act.”

1           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
2 promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative,  
3 culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitably beneficial to local communities.

4           Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to provide the proper mechanisms and  
5 infrastructure for sustainable tourism development. It shall develop and promote certain areas  
6 and sites identified as tourist destinations or attractions in order to drive and propel inclusive  
7 growth throughout the country.

8           **SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage.** – The Municipality of Barlig in Mountain Province is  
9 hereby declared a tourism development area (TDA), and hereinafter shall be referred to as the  
10 Barlig TDA. The following areas within the municipality which are endowed with natural  
11 beauty, pristine waters, mountain resources, and historical and cultural significance, shall be  
12 included in the Barlig TDA and shall be developed as tourism destinations:

- 13           a) Mount Amuyao and the mountain range of Kadaclan;
- 14           b) Barlig Rice Terraces in Barangays Gawana, Fiangtin, Macalana and Latang;
- 15           c) Kadaclan Rice Terraces in Barangays Lunas, Chupac, Kaleo and Ogo-og;
- 16           d) Lias Rice Terraces and Challos Falls in Barangays Lias Silangan and Lias  
17           Kanluran;
- 18           e) Topnew and Lingoy Hot Springs and Lake Tufob in Barangay Lingoy;
- 19           f) Mornang Hot Spring, Mornang and Allob Falls, Siblaw Taraw Lake and the  
20           Wonderful Rock in Barangay Latang;
- 21           g) Lettang Burial Caves and the Lettang, Moyopoyop and Patyayan Falls in  
22           Barangay Lunas;
- 23           h) Or-or Falls in Barangay Kaleo;
- 24           i) Amfitayok Falls in Barangay Ogo-og;
- 25           j) Tokchag Falls in Barangay Gawana;

- 1 k) Lusong Fukian Kan Wikian Rock Formation in Barangay Fiangtin; and
- 2 l) Pangngor Chin Stone and Tomallan Waterfalls in Barangay Macalana.

3 The development of the Barlig TDA shall be prioritized and supported by the  
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the  
5 development of tourism development areas.

6 **SEC. 4. *Municipal Tourism Council of Barlig.*** – There is hereby organized the  
7 Municipal Tourism Council of Barlig, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be  
8 the primary policy-making, planning and coordinating body in the development of tourism in  
9 the Municipality of Barlig and administration of tourism sites thereat.

10 The Council shall be composed of the:

- 11 (a) Mayor of the Municipality of Barlig, as Chairperson;
- 12 (b) Barangay Chairpersons of all barangays of the Municipality of Barlig, who shall  
13 elect from among themselves the Vice-Chairperson;
- 14 (c) Member of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Barlig who is duly  
15 designated by such body;
- 16 (d) Regional and Provincial Directors of the Department of Tourism (DOT), National  
17 Economic Development Authority, Department of Environment and Natural  
18 Resources (DENR) and Department of Public Works and Highways;
- 19 (e) Provincial Governor of Mountain Province, as *ex-officio* member;
- 20 (f) Representative of the Lone District of Mountain Province, as *ex-officio* member;
- 21 and
- 22 (g) Two (2) representatives from the private sector, nominated by the private sector  
23 tourism industry organizations in the Municipality of Barlig and appointed by the  
24 Chairperson of the Council, who shall serve for a period of two (2) years.

1           The Council shall have the following functions:

2           (a) Ensure that constituencies, sectors and groups, whose interests may be  
3           affected by the tourism development in the municipality, are given sufficient  
4           opportunities to be heard;

5           (b) Pursue consultations with relevant sectors and constituents, conduct research,  
6           and engage the assistance of experts and other resource persons, as may be needed  
7           in the performance of its functions;

8           (c) Formulate programs and recommendations to develop local tourism facilities  
9           and attractions;

10          (d) Assist in monitoring the implementation of Republic Act No. 7160, as  
11          amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," on the  
12          matter of licensing of tourism establishments in the locality to ascertain safe and  
13          enjoyable stay of travelers;

14          (e) Strictly enforce sanitary standards in public restrooms located in places  
15          frequented by passengers of public utility vehicles and tourism transport services,  
16          such as gasoline stations, restaurants along main highways and bus stops;

17          (f) Appoint the Trust Fund Administrator of the Barlig Tourism Development  
18          Trust Fund; and

19          (g) Perform any other duties in accordance with the guidelines of the Department  
20          of the Interior and Local Government.

21          The Council may create such committees as it may deem necessary, and provide for  
22          the functions and the memberships thereof to assist it in the proper and effective performance  
23          of its functions. The Council may call on the other government agencies and offices to  
24          provide advice and assistance on matters relating to the performance of its functions and the  
25          development of tourism in the Municipality of Barlig.

1           The municipal government of Barlig shall provide a Secretariat for the Council.

2           **SEC. 5. *Tourism Development Plan of Barlig.*** – Within one (1) year after the  
3 approval of this Act, the Council shall, in coordination with the DOT, the DENR and  
4 concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include  
5 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities  
6 to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the tourism development plan shall ensure the  
7 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*,  
8 *further*, That the implementation of the said development plan shall take into consideration  
9 Republic Act No. 7586, as amended, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected  
10 Areas System Act of 1992,”: *Provided, finally*, That the implementation of the development  
11 plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Barlig.

12           **SEC. 6. *Role of the DOT.*** – The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Barlig  
13 in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in  
14 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Barlig TDA in its national and regional  
15 promotion programs.

16           **SEC. 7. *Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund.*** – There is hereby established a  
17 trust fund under this Act to be known as the Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund for the  
18 purpose of financing projects which shall enhance tourism in the municipality. Funds shall  
19 be derived from fees collected from visitors, proceeds from the registration and lease of  
20 multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from  
21 industries and facilities directly benefiting the municipality, and other resources from the  
22 Province.

23           The Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund may be augmented by grants and  
24 donations, endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign entities and individuals, for  
25 purposes related to their functions: *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be in

1 accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further,*  
2 That it shall not be used for personnel services.

3 The Barlig Tourism Development Trust Fund shall be administered by a Trust Fund  
4 Administrator who shall be under the supervision of the Municipal Tourism Council of  
5 Barlig.

6 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** – The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be  
7 included in the annual budget of the municipal government of Barlig. The DOT may  
8 augment such allocation with internally-generated funds.

9 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared  
10 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force  
11 and effect.

12 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules  
13 and regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed  
14 repealed or modified accordingly.

15 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
16 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,