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Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7736
(In Substitution of House Bill 4200)

Introduced by Representative Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

AN ACT

DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. DOMINGO, STA. CATALINA, BANTAY, SAN ILDEFONSO, SAN VICENTE, SINAIT, CABUGAO, SAN JUAN, MAGSINGAL AND CAOAYAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS TOURISM DESTINATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Municipalities of Sto. Domingo, Sta. Catalina, Bantay, San
2 Ildefonso, San Vicente, Sinait, Cabugao, San Juan, Magsingal and Caoayan, all in the
3 Province of Ilocos Sur are hereby declared tourist destinations. As such, their development
4 shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations
5 governing the development of tourism destinations.

6 **Sec. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination
7 with the concerned local government units and government agencies, shall prepare a tourism
8 development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such
9 appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in these municipalities:

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1 *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of
2 natural resources thereat.

3 **Sec. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development
4 plan and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing
5 calendar year. The DOT shall likewise promote the municipalities in all its international and
6 domestic tourism programs.

7 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
8 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT.

10 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the
11 DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its proper implementation.

12 **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid the
13 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

14 **Sec. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other
15 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
16 amended accordingly.

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

19 Approved,