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AN ACT

DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, A TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. The Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad, Province of Bulacan, is 2 hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the 3 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to rules and regulations governing the development of 4 tourism destinations.

5 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination 6 with the municipal government of Doña Remedios Trinidad and concerned agencies of the 7 government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation 8 and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: 9 *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the 10 natural beauty and resources of the area. SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Municipality of Doňa Remedios Trinidad, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

10 SEC. 5. Within sixty days (60) from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in 11 consultation with concerned government agencies and stakeholders, promulgate the rules and 12 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

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with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,

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