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EBCAS, BAÑAS-NOGRALES, DAGOOC, SAULOG, GUYA, SAVELLANO, ALBANO (A.), BARBA, DY (F.),  
FRASCO, LOYOLA, SILVERIO AND ELAGO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1266

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING LAKE HIMBANG LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY**  
**OF TALACOGON, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE,**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Lake Himbang located in the Municipality of Talacogon, Province  
2 of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be  
3 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing  
4 the development of ecotourism sites.

5           **SEC. 2.** The technical description of the area to be declared as ecotourism site is as  
6 follows:

7                                   **LAKE HIMBANG TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

8                   Projection :    Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 51 (N)

9                   Datum :        World Geodetic 1984 (WGS84)

1	corner	easting	northing
2	1	804671	937414
3	2	804717	937418
4	3	804769	937402
5	4	804816	937406
6	5	804833	937436
7	6	804862	937419
8	7	804881	937383
9	8	804915	937357
10	9	804964	937319
11	10	805044	937264
12	11	805114	937249
13	12	805201	937230
14	13	805301	937212
15	14	805330	937174
16	15	805270	937051
17	16	805222	936996
18	17	805177	936953
19	18	805109	936928
20	19	805062	936952
21	20	805017	936976
22	21	804979	936997
23	22	804928	937015
24	23	804889	937045
25	24	804876	937092

1	25	804887	937129
2	26	804948	937102
3	27	804981	937140
4	28	804974	937168
5	29	804980	937184
6	30	804975	937198
7	31	804918	937231
8	32	804862	937237
9	33	804799	937249
10	34	804772	937302
11	35	804752	937361
12	36	804713	937394
13	37	804663	937393

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15           **SEC. 3.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination  
16 with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned local government  
17 units (LGUs) and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall  
18 include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and  
19 facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the  
20 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area.

21           **SEC. 4.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to  
22 implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of Lake  
23 Himbang, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar  
24 year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Lake Himbang  
25 in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

1           **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program, the  
2 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
3 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the  
4 Department.

5           **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in  
6 consultation with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and concerned  
7 LGUs and government agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper  
8 implementation of this Act.

9           **SEC. 7.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the  
10 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

11           **SEC. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuance inconsistent  
12 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

13           **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,