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FRASCO, LOYOLA, SILVERIO AND ELAGO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1328

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AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MANAGONG WATERFALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY  
PADIAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBAGAT, 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 Managong Falls located in Barangay Padiay, Municipality of  
2 Sibagat, Province of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its  
3 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules  
4 and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in  
6 coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned  
7 local government units (LGUs) and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism  
8 development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such  
9 appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided,* That said  
10 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and  
11 resources in the area.

12           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with

1 due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Managong Waterfalls, and shall  
2 incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately  
3 succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Managong Waterfalls in all its  
4 national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,