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**AN ACT
DECLARING ULOT RIVER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANAS, PROVINCE
OF SAMAR, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Ulot River in the Municipality of Paranas, Province of Samar, is
2 hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
3 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

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

13 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Paranas in the
14 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
15 capacity building. It shall also include the Ulot River in its national and regional promotion
16 programs.

17 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
18 budget of the municipal government of Paranas. The DOT may augment such allocation with
19 internally-generated funds.

20 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, municipal government
21 of Paranas shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
22 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

23 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
24 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
25 accordingly.

26 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
27 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,