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AN ACT

DECLARING THE FUYOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA. VICTORIA, CITY OF ILAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Fuyot Springs National Park located in Barangay Sta. Victoria,
2 City of Ilagan, Province of Isabela, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant
3 thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism
4 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism
5 destinations.

1 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the city government of
2 Ilagan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
3 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan
4 that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
5 infrastructure and facilities to enhance ecotourism in the area: *Provided*, That said
6 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and
7 resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That any activity and development to be carried out
8 in the area shall conform with the requirements of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known
9 as the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act, as amended: *Provided, finally*, That
10 the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the
11 city government of Ilagan.

12 The development plan shall likewise be consistent with the Protected Area
13 Management Plan prepared by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of the Fuyot
14 Springs National Park.

15 A representative from the DOT shall be included as member of the PAMB of the
16 Fuyot Springs National Park to address tourism-related concerns of the National Park.

17 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the city government of Ilagan in the implementation of
18 the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.
19 It shall also include the Fuyot Springs National Park in its national and regional promotion
20 programs.

21 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
22 annual budget of the city government of Ilagan. The DOT may augment such allocation with
23 internally-generated funds.

24 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the city government of
25 Ilagan shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR and concerned agencies of the
26 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

3 **SEC. 7.** All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees and other
4 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
5 amended accordingly.

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

 Approved,