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AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF PADRE PIO, COMMONLY KNOWN AS PADRE PIO SHRINE, LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN PEDRO, CITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AS TOURISM DESTINATION

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The immediate environs of the National Shrine of Padre Pio, commonly
2 known as Padre Pio Shrine, located in Barangay San Pedro, City of Sto. Tomas, Province of
3 Batangas, are hereby declared as tourism destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of
4 the immediate environs of the Padre Pio Shrine shall be prioritized and supported by the

1 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
2 of tourism destinations.

3 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the city government of Sto.
4 Tomas shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Public Works and Highways and
5 concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include
6 the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities
7 to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the Padre Pio Shrine,
8 thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development
9 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the area:
10 *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included
11 in the budget of the city government of Sto. Tomas.

12 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the city government of Sto. Tomas in the implementation
13 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.
14 It shall also include the immediate environs of the Padre Pio Shrine in its national and regional
15 promotion programs.

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

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

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

Approved,