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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE POLILLO GROUP OF ISLANDS AND THE MUNICIPALITY
OF MAUBAN IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON A TOURISM ZONE**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Polillo Group of Islands, consisting of the Municipalities of Polillo,
2 Burdeos, Panukulan, Patnanungan and Jomalig, and the Municipality of Mauban, all in the
3 Province of Quezon, are hereby declared a tourism zone. Pursuant thereto, the development
4 of the Polillo Group of Islands and the Municipality of Mauban shall be prioritized and

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

3 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the local governments of the
4 municipalities comprising the Polillo Group of Islands and Mauban shall, in coordination with
5 the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Tourism Infrastructure and
6 Enterprise Zone Authority and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism
7 development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such
8 appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the Polillo Group of Islands and
9 the Municipality of Mauban: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the
10 preservation, protection and enhancement of the natural features, historic significance and
11 cultural heritage of the tourism zone, while providing sustainable economic opportunities for
12 the local community: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development
13 plan shall be included in the respective budgets of the local governments of the municipalities
14 comprising the Polillo Group of Islands and Mauban.

15 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local governments of the municipalities comprising
16 the Polillo Group of Islands and Mauban in the implementation of the tourism development
17 plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the
18 Polillo Group of Islands and the Municipality of Mauban in its national and regional
19 promotion programs.

20 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
21 respective annual budgets of the local governments of the municipalities comprising the
22 Polillo Group of Islands and Mauban. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally-
23 generated funds.

24 **SEC. 5.** The DOT and concerned local government units shall create a forum among
25 different stakeholders, namely, the private sector, non-government organizations and other

1 interest groups, to discuss necessary measures to encourage investment in the tourism zone
2 and develop a culture of tourism.

3 **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the local governments of
4 the municipalities comprising the Polillo Group of Islands and Mauban shall, in consultation
5 with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to
6 implement this Act.

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

Approved,