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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The municipality of Dingle lies in the heart of the Province of Iloilo. Within Dingle, one can find the nationally acclaimed Bulabog-Putian National Park - a mountain park that draws pilgrims and tourists alike for a unique experience.

The Bulabog-Putian National Park is a favorite destination, especially during the Holy Week, when mountain trekkers and hikers flock to the park exploring the caves, contemplating the rich wildlife, and drinking in the natural beauty of the sights as part of a memorable Lenten experience.

This bill proposes to declare a portion of the Bulabog-Putian National Park as a tourist spot in order to hasten its development and promote its appreciation by our people.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
DECLARING A PORTION OF THE BULAGOG-PUTIAN NATIONAL PARK IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINGLE, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, A TOURIST SPOT

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

1 SECTION 1. A portion of the Bulabog-Putian National Park, to include the
2 cave, irrigation dam, swimming pool area and the hanging bridge, located in the
3 Municipality of Dingle, Province of Iloilo is hereby declared a tourist spot. As
4 such, it shall be accorded with priority development by the Department of
5 Tourism and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the
6 development of tourist spots.

7 SEC. 2. The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Philippine
8 Tourism Authority shall, within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, and
9 together with other concerned agencies of the government, as well as with the
10 local government units of the Municipality of Dingle and the Province of Iloilo,
11 prepare a development plan on the proper management of the facilities and other
12 infrastructure to enhance tourism activities in the area: *Provided*, That the
13 preservation of the natural beauty of the area shall be observed with utmost care.

14 SEC. 3. The Department of Tourism shall act immediately in implementing
15 the tourism development plan that will suit the natural characteristics of the park

1 and shall incorporate the plan in the Department of Tourism's overall plans and
2 programs for national implementation.

3 SEC. 4. The Department of Tourism shall likewise promulgate rules and
4 regulations relative to the proper implementation of this Act.

5 SEC. 5. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Tourism to
6 promote the park as a tourist area in all its national, regional and local promotion
7 programs.

8 SEC. 6. Foreign grants, when necessary, will be sourced by the agency
9 concerned to bolster the potentials of the park in order to attract foreign tourists.

10 SEC. 7. Any law, act, decree, order, proclamation, or regulation or parts
11 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
12 accordingly.

13 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
14 the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

15 Approved,