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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE ISLAS DE GIGANTES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The Islas de Gigantes, consisting of four (4) barangays, namely,
- 2           Asluman, Granada, Lantangan and Gabi, all located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of
- 3           Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be known as the "Islas de Gigantes Ecotourism
- 4           Zone." Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department

1 of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
2 ecotourism zones.

3         **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the municipal government  
4 of Carles shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
5 Resources (DENR) and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development  
6 plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate  
7 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development  
8 plan shall ensure the preservation of the flora and fauna and perpetuate the historical  
9 significance of the identified tourism attractions: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of  
10 the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of  
11 Carles.

12         **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Carles in the implementation  
13 of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.  
14 It shall also include the Islas de Gigantes in its national and regional promotion programs.

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

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

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

23         **SEC. 7.** 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.

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

Approved,