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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE TAMBALIZA ISLAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
CONCEPCION, 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 Tambaliza Island, consisting of three (3) barangays, namely,  
2 Macatunao, Talotu-an and Tambaliza, all located in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province  
3 of Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be known as the “Tambaliza Island  
4 Ecotourism Zone.” Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the  
5 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development  
6 of ecotourism zones.

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

13 significance of the identified tourism attractions: *Provided, further,* That the implementation  
14 of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government  
15 of Concepcion.

16 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Concepcion in the  
17 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
18 capacity building. It shall also include the Tambaliza Island in its national and regional  
19 promotion programs.

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

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

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

28 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances  
29 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended  
30 accordingly.

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

Approved,